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INFORMATION SHEET

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Winchester Centennial Commemorative Rifles

Winchester Western (Canada) Limited of Cobourg, Ontario, will produce for sale through its retailers a Northwest Territories Centennial Commemorative Rifle, Model 94, for marketing through regular Winchester distributors.

Special features of the rifle:

* The official Centennial medallion of the Northwest Territories, bearing the N.W.T. Centennial symbol, will be embedded in the stock.
* The receiver will be plated in yellow gold.
* On the barrel will be the inscription, "Northwest Territories Centennial 1870 - 1970."
* The phrase, "Tomorrow's Country" will be engraved on the tang.
* A polar bear, the official symbol of TravelArctic, the N.W.T. Government Tourism Division, will be engraved on the left-hand side of the receiver.
* The rifle will be packaged in a sleeve featuring four-colour lithographed reproductions of northern subjects, from a Centennial painting commissioned by Winchester.
* The rifle will be accompanied by a parchment certificate reproduced with the signature of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

The 1970 catalogue price of these rifles will be $149.50.

The Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories, care of Centennial Center, Yellowknife, N.W.T., will introduce a Winchester Commemorative Rifle Patron's Program. All patrons will be awarded a special (chosen from rifles of serial numbers 2 to 500) Centennial Commemorative Presentation Rifle. This rifle will be distinguished from the regular rifle as follows:

* It will have the Northwest Territories Coat of Arms affixed to the receiver.
* The stock and forearm will be of presentation wood.
* The Patron's Rifle will be delivered in a special presentation case, which can be hanged to display the rifle as a unique show piece with a bronze engraved plaque, and a reproduction of Sir Alexander Mackenzie's original map of his explorations as a suitable backdrop for the mounted gun.
* Potential patrons will receive a brochure on the history of the Northwest Territories, and will be asked to make a contribution to Centennial projects and events of particular significance to the native peoples of the Northwest Territories. In recognition of such contributions, each patron will be presented with the Special Issue Centennial Commemorative Rifle.

Persons wishing to be included on the "Patron's List" should write Centennial Center, before June 1, 1970.

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Yellowknife, N.W.T.,

Centennial Medallion

A Northwest Territories Commemorative Centennial Medallion has been struck with the Centennial symbol on one side and the Northwest Territories' coat of arms (see below) on the other side with the words "Northwest Territories - Canada" encircling the crest and "187[illegible] - 1970" on each side of the coat of arms.

Specifications -

METAL	WEIGHT GMS.	WEIGHT GRAINS	DIAMETER MM.	DIAMETER INS.	THICKNESS MM.	THICKNESS INS.
Nickel Aluminum Bronze	12.6	178	32	1.26	1.8	0.070
999 Fine Silver	16.94	262	32	1.26	1.9	0.070

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Enquiries for the medallion from OUTSIDE the Northwest Territories should be directed to: The Sherritt Mint,
FORT SASKATCHEWAN, Alberta.

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Enquiries for the medallion from INSIDE the Northwest Territories should be directed to: Centennial Center,
(cheques or money orders made to Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories)
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Price	Bronze	$ 2.00 each
	Silver	$15.00 each

Bronze medallion is packaged with the history of Centennial '70. Silver medallion is packaged in a presentation box.

Free medallions will be issued to every student in the N.W.T. in 1970.

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NEWS RELEASE

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January, 1970

N.W.T. Centennial Commemorative Mail Run - Western

One of the major events in Centennial Year will be the re-enactment of two historic dogsled mail runs which helped to provide some of the early communication links in the North.

Surviving mail carriers will assist in planning the events and celebrations in their honor will be held in each settlement enroute.

The runs will be conducted in relays from settlement to settlement with each community providing a dog team, sled and driver for its leg of the run.

The first run, the Centennial Western Dogsled Mail Run, will originate in Fort Smith on March 15, 1970 and follow the Mackenzie River route to reach its final destination of Inuvik approximately April 19, 1970.

A limited number of special commemorative covers (envelope size 3 5/8 x 6 1/2 with or without enclosure), will be carried on each run. The attractive cover design, in four colors depicts a typical mail sled, dog team and driver with an inscription to identify the two separate runs.

On arrival at the final destination each cover will be authenticated with a special stamping certifying that the letter was carried on the run and indicating the point of origin and each leg of the journey.

The Canadian Post Office official N.W.T. Centennial Commemorative Stamp will then be affixed and the letter mailed to the subscriber or to the Centennial Center, Government of the Northwest Territories through the post office at the end of the run. The Centennial Stamp is in two colors and is a reproduction of a famous soapstone print entitled the enchanted owl, by a Cape Dorset Eskimo artist.

Anyone wishing to subscribe to either or both of these runs should mail their order to the Centennial Center, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, N.W.T. no later than March 1, 1970. Each order should be accompanied by:

- A certified cheque or money order in the amount of $3.00 for each cover requested, made out to the Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories.

- Instructions concerning whether you wish to have the cover addressed to you or to the Centennial Center in Yellowknife. In the latter case the cover will be mailed to you in a separate envelope after arrival in Yellowknife.

We regret that no other covers, cards or material can be carried on these runs.

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For further information contact Government of the Northwest Territories.

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NEWS RELEASE

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February, 1970

First Historical Re-enactment of Centennial 70 - The Dawson Patrol

Fort McPherson - The re-enactment of the Dawson Patrol will commemorate the spirit, courage and endurance of the guides, trappers and R.C.M.P. who took part in the many patrols between Fort McPherson, N.W.T., and Dawson, Yukon.

Eleven specially selected and trained drivers and their dog teams will set off from Fort McPherson at noon on February 16, 1970. The colourful send-off program will honour three surviving members of former patrols, Mr. Andrew Kannizi, Mr. Louis Cardinal (more than 90 years old) and Mr. Ronnie Pascal. The official delegation will consist of Mr. Jim Whelly, representing Commissioner S. M. Hodgson and Inspector Clare Dent, representing the Commissioner of the R.C.M.P. The festivities will conclude with the Patrol's departure through an avenue emblazoned with Territorial and Centennial flags to the cheers of the many local and visiting spectators.

This major Centennial event was chosen by the Loucheux people of Fort McPherson to help create an awareness of the many triumphs and tragedies of the past which is one of the expressed objectives of Centennial '70.

All members of the Patrol are residents of the Fort McPherson area. The Patrol leader is Keith Billington and Chief Guide is Andrew Kannizi. The other members of the Patrol are: Bill Antaya, William Vittrekwa, Fred Vittrekwa, George Robert, Thomas Koe, Abe Koe, Jim Vittrekwa, William Teya and Abe Venaltsi.

The patrol expects to arrive in Dawson, Yukon on or about March 10, 1970 dependent on weather and travelling conditions. Dog food has been cached enroute and the R.C.M.P. Inuvik Sub/Division will be providing general air cover.

A warm reception for the Patrol is being planned in Dawson by the Mayor, Mr. Fabian Salois, the Dawson Recreation Association and the citizens of that famous community. An official delegation from the Commissioner of the Yukon is expected to be on hand. Chief Tetlichi will lead a delegation to represent Commissioner S. M. Hodgson and the Council of the N.W.T. Not to be outdone the citizens of Fort McPherson and other northern communities as far away as Inuvik are planning a special charter flight to Dawson to take part in welcoming their Patrol.

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For further information contact Centennial Center - 873-2731.

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Yellowknife, N.W.T.,
23 February, 1970.

SELECTED MEDIA

"Fantasy in Fashion" Arctic Winter Games/Centennial

Yellowknife - The Capital of the Northwest Territories "Fantasy in Fashion", a joint project of Arctic Winter Games/Centennial Souvenir Committee planners promises the best showing of northern clothing from Canadian Arctic Producers in Yellowknife's Public School March 11 and 12 at 8:00 p.m.

Director Joanne Wilde promises a truly different fashion show in the forms of the dance, variations in form, surprise through lighting and stage effects plus the natural charm of clothing beautifully worn by northerners.

Mrs. Wilde has organized a cast of 65 active participants including entertainers, throughout the show.

Producer Mrs. Heather Pritchard has combined the talents of some of Yellowknife's most capable personnel in the organization of "Fantasy in Fashion".

Mark Sutherland, a former lighting director of Stratford's Shakesperean Drama Festival, directs special lighting effects assisted by Larry Southward.

Jim Eis, Art Teacher at Yellowknife's Public School is giving valuable assistance as an art consultant. All activities for properties will be undertaken by Ann Bover and Joel Lemouel. Wardrobe mistress is Carolyn McCabe.

Nancy Sunderland, and Liz Lennon are co-ordinating visual publicity and assisting other committees.

Special committee representatives are Jeanette Wasylkiewicz, Barbara Cook, Tess Merry, Verna Bailey, Brian North and Harry Lawrence.

Commentating will be done by Steve Hook, popular announcer from CFYK, Yellowknife's C.B.C. Station and Aileen Ellis, Public Relations Co-ordinator, Centennial Center.

The show features many surprizes not the least of which will be the people in it. Live entertainment will be provided by accordianist Henry Undheim, guitarist Joe Desjarlais, fiddler Alex Desjarlais, Tundra Folk '70: Ted Wasylkiewicz, Dony Gill, Olive Gordon, Frank Wasylkiewicz, and pianist and chorus directed by Mrs. Marjory Suddaby.

Patrons attending will definitely find full value, full entertainment and sheer joy for whatever the price of ticket purchased: $1.25 Adult or $.75 children and student available at the Arctic Winter Games ticket office in the Bank of Commerce.

Profits, if any, will go toward Arctic Winter Games projects. "Fantasy in Fashion" is a non-profit venture as one of very many highlights during Arctic Winter Games, March 9-14.

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For further information contact Government of the Northwest Territories, Aileen Ellis 2731 or preferably Mrs. Heather Pritchard 2761, Arctic Winter Games.

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April 2, 1970

NORTHERN MEDIA, CANADIAN PRESS

Baker Lake to Yellowknife Skidoo Trek

Baker Lake, N.W.T. - A Centennial project of a ten man skidoo expedition left Baker Lake today at 11 a.m. for Yellowknife. This is the first time the barrens have been crossed by small snow vehicles and in Centennials' spirit of unity the group is comprised of five Eskimos and five white people.

The party will overnight at Princess Mary Lake Game Branch Cabin April 2. On April 3 they will be near Grant Lake, April 4 about 40 miles east of the Clarke River, April 5 near Tyrrell Lake April 6 near Artillery Lake and April 7 at Fort Reliance. Weather and travelling conditions may somewhat delay plans to Fort Reliance but they expect to be in Yellowknife by April 8, provided no alternate routes need to be made.

The equipment carried will be extensive including a radio directional finder as a navigational aid. An emergency beacon which transmits the international distress signal has a range of up to 150 miles and can pick up DOT stations over most of the trip.

A Geological Survey of Canada aircraft will be flying in the Dubawnt Lake area about 150 to 200 miles west of Baker Lake during this period and will be able to pick up distress signals. Flares are being carried and full survival precautions will be taken.

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N.W.T. Centennial Regional Snowmobile Championship

Pine Point, N.W.T. - Dave Korotash of Hay River pushed his stalled snowmobile the final 200 yards to win the 100-mile Upper Mackenzie Centennial Regional Championship Sunday at Pine Point, N.W.T.

Korotash held second place in the field of ten until the fifth lap, when he throttled his 399 Arctic Cat into the lead on the eight-mile circuit. He stayed there to finish in a time of 4 hours 51 minutes, for top prize money of $500.

Reg Boyer of Pine Point placed second on a 399 Skidoo in 5 hours 3 minutes, for $250. Korotash and Boyer now move up to the N.W.T. Centennial Championships at Frobisher Bay March 26.

Howard Brazeau of Fort Smith took third closely followed by Denzil Spence of Jean Marie River. Spence had to cut his way out of the trees in the fourth lap to finish in the money in the first race of his career.

Some 300 spectators watched the Le Mans start in sunny weather and temperatures near zero. The hill-ridden course was over deep, powdered snow which packed and rutted to punish both men and machines. Fred King of Hay River lost a rear sprocket after 2,000 yards. Garry Schmidt, driving replacement for John McLean who has a broken arm, stripped half the cleats off his track and Al Sawa broke a steering arm. Both are from Yellowknife. Blistered hands and sore legs were the order of the day.

Rick Champagne of Fort Smith placed fifth and Al McDonald of Fort Resolution was the last to finish.

Ewan Cotterill, Regional Director for the N.W.T. Government at Fort Smith, presented trophies and cheques at the winners' banquet Sunday evening in the Pine Point Hotel.

The Upper Mackenzie was the third in the Centennial series of regional races. The Keewatin Regional went December 29, and the Lower Mackenzie Regional February 21. Two more Regionals are scheduled before the N.W.T. Championship. The Central Arctic Coast goes April 4 at Cambridge Bay and the Baffin Regional is set for Frobisher April 18.

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Results:

UPPER MACKENZIE

Place	Winner	Machine	Time	Trophy and Prize Money
First	Dave Korotash of Hay River	399 Arctic Cat	4 hr. 51 min.	$500.00
Second	Reg Boyer of Pine Point	399 Skidoo	5 hr. 3 min.	250.00
Third	Howard Brazeau of Fort Smith	440 Arctic Cat	5 hr. 20 min.	100.00
Fourth	Denzil Spence of Jean Marie River	399 Skidoo	5 hr. 31 min.	75.00
Fifth	Rick Champagne of Fort Smith	634 Arctic Cat	6 hr. 36 min.	50.00
Sixth	Al McDonald of Fort Resolution	399 Skidoo	5 hr. 44 min.	25.00

KEEWATIN

Place	Winner	Machine	Time	Trophy and Prize Money
First	Philip Nukkapiak of Rankin Inlet	Skidoo	4 hr. 11 min.	$500.00
Second	Paul Kablutsiak of Eskimo Point	Skidoo		250.00
Third	Samson Epkanak of Coral Harbour	Skidoo		100.00
Fourth	Tommy Misheralar of Whale Cove	Skidoo		75.00
Fifth	Joseph Tirieaneayk of Whale Cove	Skidoo		50.00

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Place	Winner	Machine	Time	Trophy and Prize Money
Sixth	Francis Nanorak of Repulse Bay	Skidoo		$ 25.00

LOWER MACKENZIE

Place	Winner	Machine	Time	Trophy and Prize Money
First	Ed McLeod of Aklavik	Skidoo	4 hr. 45 min.	$ 500.00
Second	Wilfred Jackson of Fort Good Hope	Skidoo	4 hr. 50 min.	250.00
Third	Rollie Lavalle of Norman Wells	Skidoo	4 hr. 52 min.	100.00
Fourth	Andrew Cockney of Tuktoyaktuk	Skidoo	5 hr. 15 min.	75.00
Fifth	Garret Ruben of Paulatuk	Skidoo	5 hr. 25 min.	50.00
Sixth	John Firth of Aklavik	Skidoo	5 hr. 33 min.	25.00

CENTRAL ARCTIC COAST

Place	Winner	Machine	Time	Trophy and Prize Money
First	Jim Patterson of Cambridge Bay	Skidoo (399 TNT)	3 hr. 5 min.	$ 500.00
Second	Colin Adjun of Coppermine	Skidoo (371)	3 hr. 7 min.	250.00
Third	James Eetoolook of Spence Bay	Skidoo (371)	3 hrs. 10 min.	100.00
Fourth	John Maksagak of Cambridge Bay	Skidoo (371)	3 hrs. 10 min.	75.00
Fifth	George Anablak of Coppermine	Skidoo (371)	3 hrs. 20 min.	50.00

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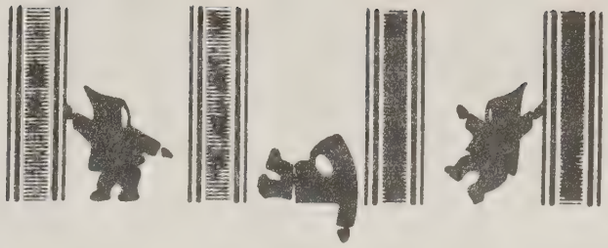

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Place	Winner	Machine	Time	Trophy and Prize Money
Sixth	Patsy Ekpakokak of Holman Island	Skidoo (12/3)	3 hr. 25 min.	$ 25.00

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N.W.T. Centennial Commemorative Dogsled Mail Runs

Yellowknife, N.W.T., April 5 - Two Indians and two Eskimos were driving dogsleds North today, commemorating historic Northwest Territories mail runs as part of the N.W.T. Centennial celebrations.

Both runs, carrying philatelic covers which can be purchased by collectors, were scheduled for completion about April 19.

In the Western re-enactment, Victor Menacho and Maurice Mendo of Fort Norman were mushing down the Mackenzie River on a five-day trip to Fort Good Hope. The relay-style tribute to pre-bush plane mail men was officially launched from Fort Smith by Northwest Territories M. P. Bud Orange March 15. It was to end 11 legs later at Inuvik, in the Mackenzie Delta near the Arctic Coast. A woman who operates her own trapline, Luci Bonnetrouge, carried the mail by dogsled from Fort Simpson to Fort Norman, a distance of about 160 miles.

Two Eskimos Simon Kutuak and Leo Ahmak, both of Eskimo Point, with eight dogs and a wide, flat sled called a komatik, were en route from Churchill, Manitoba to Eskimo Point on the first leg of the Centennial Eastern Dogsled Mail Run. Relays of drivers were to carry the mail to Whale Cove, on the Keewatin coast of Hudson Bay, and Rankin Inlet where the two teams were to divide the packets for separate delivery to Baker Lake and Chesterfield Inlet.

A limited number of special commemorative covers are being carried on each run. On arrival at the final destination each cover will be authenticated with a special stamp certifying that the letter was carried on the run and indicating the point of origin and each leg of the journey.

The Canadian Post Office official N.W.T. Centennial Commemorative Stamp will then be affixed and the letter mailed to the subscriber or to the Centennial Center, Government of the Northwest Territories through the post office at the end of the run. The Centennial Stamp is in two colors and is a reproduction of a famous soapstone print, entitled the enchanted owl, by a Cape Dorset artist.

A small quantity of mail addressed to Centennial Center is being carried on each run enabling late subscribers to have the benefit of a valuable collector's item.

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- A certified cheque or money order in the amount of $3.00 for each cover requested, made out to the Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories.

- The cover will be mailed to you in a separate envelope after arrival in Yellowknife. For the Eastern run, please specify desired point of cancellation.

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For further information contact Government of the Northwest Territories.

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NORTHERN MEDIA

C.B.C. Centennial Search For Talent Finals

Yellowknife, N.W.T. - Eight regions, covering the entire Northwest Territories were represented in the Grand Finale of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's Centennial Search for Talent Show in the capital of Yellowknife, March 30. Max Ferguson, national C.B.C. celebrity, was Master of Ceremonies assisted by Alan McPhee and translated in Eskimo by Abe Okpik.

Designed to encourage participation and involvement of all N.W.T. communities in the performing arts, the final show brought a crowd of over 500 to the Public School auditorium, while some 200 had to be turned away for the free show, a highlight of spring Centennial events.

Winners of the show received cheques of $300.00, $200.00 and $100.00 respectively for first, second and third place.

First was Mrs. Margaret Stephen of Fort Good Hope, a vocal soloist who sang without accompaniment "Whistle a Happy Tune" and "It's a Most Unusual Day".

Second: - Jerome Toucher and Frank Hansen of Inuvik in a guitar folk duet "Take What You Want" composed by Jerome Toucher.

Third place went to "The Tundra Folk 70" of Yellowknife - Ted Wasylkiewicz, Frank Wasylkiewicz, Donna Gill and Olive Gordon singing with guitarist Ted Wasylkiewicz, a song "Glitter of Gold" composed by Doug Leonard of Yellowknife.

Honourable mentions went to:

"Soul Expression" a rock group from Fort Smith who sang "Jesus is a Soul Man". They were Danny Bodvarson, Donald Beaulieau, Al Cardinal and Lloyd Cardinal.

Chic Callas of Yellowknife singing "If I Were a Rich Man"; and

"Sounds of the North",a Rock Group from Inuvik comprised of Louis Goose, Moses Kalinek, Angus Lennie and Bertha Lennie.

Commissioner Stuart M. Hodgson gave an address prior to presentation of the awards which were made by Harold Brown, Manager of C.B.C. Northern

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Service and Jim Whelly, General Manager of Centennial Center.

First and second place winners of the regions were flown to Yellowknife. They were:

Frobisher Bay

First Place - The Ravens - Rock Group - Mick Meekitjuk, Henry Peter, Kowmukkiak, Peter Adlah

Second Place - Naudla Oshoweetuk - guitar and vocal.

Baker Lake

First Place - David Aninowt - vocal and guitar

Second place - The Mini - Rock Musical - Gerry Jordison, Peter Jennings, John Tapatai, Oscar Hicks.

Resolute Bay

First Place - Mary Echalook - accordionist

Second Place - The Midnight Sons - Rock Group - Andrew Tugak, Paul Simonie, Isaac Koodloo Philip Levi

Cambridge Bay

First Place - Eskimo Drum Dancers - Steve Angualok & Bob Palvialok.

Second Place - Joseph Otokiak & Garry Maksogak

Hay River

First Place - Gerry Rueben & Geraldine Murphy - Folk Duet from Fort Smith.

Second Place - Soul Expression - Rock Group - Danny Bodvarson, Donald Beaulieau,

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Al Cardinal
Lloyd Cardinal

Norman Wells

First Place - Square Dancers - Fort Good Hope -
Shirley Cook,
Dollie Edgi,
Micheal Grandjambe,
Beverley Edgi,
Gerry Linnie,
Leonard Masuzumi,
Richard Grandjambe,
Leon Turo.

Second Place - Margaret Stephen - Vocalist - Fort Good Hope.

Inuvik

First Place - Sounds of the North - Rock Group-
Louis Goose,
Moses Kalinek,
Angus Lennie
Bertha Lennie.

Second Place - Folk Duet - Jerome Tocher & Frank Hansen.

Yellowknife winners were:

First Place - Vocal Solo - Chic Callas.

Second Place - Tundra Folk '70 - Ted & Frank Wasylkiewicz,
Donna Gill
Olive Gordon.

Centennial year has, through the co-operation of CBC Northern Service, provided northerners with a glimpse of the best young entertainers in the north.

Judges were: Sister Mary Kieran - St. Joseph's Convent
Rev. Ron Barnum - United Church Minister,
Mr. Ron Toutant - Principal, Sir John Franklin School.
Mr. John Cantelon - CBC Producer, Toronto.

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For further information contact Centennial Center, Government of the N.W.T.

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ALL MEDIA

Northwest Territories Centennial Fishing Contest

Yellowknife, N.W.T. - A Centennial project where residents and visitors to the Northwest Territories can compete, is the Territories-wide Centennial Fishing Contest. There is no age limit, young people to pioneers can test their skills for a first prize of $300.00 and a trophy, second prize of $150.00 and a trophy and third prize of $50.00 and a trophy. Everyone holding an N.W.T. resident or non-resident angling licence can enter by obtaining entry forms from:

Centennial Center,
Government of the Northwest Territories,
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Forms will also be available from appointed officials and lodges in the N.W.T.

The fish must be taken from N.W.T. waters and within the authorized angling season for the waters concerned.

Categories and Minimum Weights

Lake Trout	20 pounds
Great Northern Pike	20 pounds
Arctic Char	10 pounds
Arctic Grayling	2.5 pounds

Fish length must be measured from closed mouth tip to tip of tail and girth around the thickest portion. It must be weighed on accurate scales, subject to verification at any time.

Fish must be caught on sporting tackle, hooked and landed by the entrant according to N.W.T. laws.

All weights and measurements must be made in the presence of two witnesses and entered on a complete entry form or facsimile.

Entries must be accompanied by at least one clear side view photograph which will become the property of Centennial Center. Pictures of the angler as well as the fish, from the strike through to the cooking, would be appreciated.

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Entries must be postmarked within sixty days after the fish has been caught.

All entries meeting the minimum weight qualifications will be awarded a "Superior Angler Certificate". The entries submitting the largest fish in each category during the contest will also be awarded a "Master Angler Certificate".

The contest begins on May 15 and ends October 15, 1970. Prizes will be awarded within 60 days after the cut off date.

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For further information contact Centennial Center, Government of the N.W.T. Yellowknife, N.W.T.

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ALL MEDIA

Leader of North Pole Expedition to Attend
N.W.T. Centennial Snowmobile Championship Race

Yellowknife - Ralph Plaisted, leader of the famous Plaisted Polar Expedition which conquered the North Pole by snowmobile in 1968, will attend the Northwest Territories Centennial Snowmobile Championship Race at Frobisher Bay, April 25. The Baffin Regional Race will be held at Frobisher April 18, last of five Regional Races prior to the finals.

The Championship Race, held during Toonik Tyme at Frobisher Bay, will determine the finest driver and machine from first and second-place winners of Regionals in Upper and Lower Mackenzie, Central Arctic Coast, Baffin Island and Keewatin.

S. M. Hodgson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, will head the delegation of dignitaries, including Earl McLaughlin, President of the Royal Bank of Canada, Barry Gunn, Regional Director, Government of the Northwest Territories, Bryan Pearson, Chairman of the Frobisher Bay Centennial Committee, and Jim Haining, Centennial Co-ordinator of the Baffin Region.

Plaisted, a St. Paul, Minn., insurance man, will be returning to one of the stop-over points made by his expedition on its journey to Ward Hunt Island, N.W.T., where the ice party departed on skidoo snowmobiles for its successful trip to the Pole.

On April 19, 1968, the Expedition reached 90 degrees North after a 43-day, 2-hour, 30-minute journey. The party was the first to have its location at the geographic North Pole confirmed by an outside source (the U.S. Air Force), and the first surface expedition to reach the North Pole since 1909. They used 16-horsepower Bombardier ski-doos.

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Frobisher Bay will be alive with activity as the following agenda indicates:

Saturday	18 April	- Baffin Regional Centennial Snowmobile Race.
Sunday	19 April	- Community Events during day - Dance in evening.
Monday	20 April	- Tug-of-war, Honey-Bag Throwing and other athletic events.
Tuesday	21 April	- Beauty Contest - Toonik Ceremonies - Eskimo Dance.
Wednesday	22 April to	
Saturday	25 April	The/Le Claude Philippe Sho.
Thursday	23 April	- Talent Contest followed by Dance.
Friday	24 April	- Big Community Dance.
Saturday	25 April	- N.W.T. Centennial Championship Race
		- Prize Winners Banquet followed by fireworks and a dance.

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TO ALL MEDIA

Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race

Yellowknife, N.W.T. - Northern Canada Power Commission will provide $10,000 for cash prizes in the marathon Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race, one of the major events of the Northwest Territories Centennial Year. N.C.P.C. is the Crown Corporation which develops 90% of the energy produced in the Northwest Territories.

The 1,100 mile race will be officially started at Fort Providence July 9, 1970 by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. The 60 competitors in 10 Voyageur-type, 25-foot canoes are expected to finish at Inuvik in the Mackenzie Delta near the Arctic Coast July 27.

Prizes to be awarded by John M. Lowe, General Manager, Northern Canada Power Commission at Inuvik as follows:

First	$3,000.00
Second	1,800.00
Third	1,200.00
Fourth	900.00
Fifth	750.00
Sixth	630.00
Seventh	540.00
Eighth	468.00
Ninth	402.00
Tenth	342.00

Team trophies and miniatures for each team member will be presented by John H. Parker, Deputy-Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Additional recognition is to be provided for the winners of the seven (7) Sprints scheduled enroute. Medallions and certificates also will be presented to all competitors.

The marathon will be run in specified daily legs. There are to be nine "Brigade Days" totalling about 800 miles, and four "Lap Race Days" totalling 285 miles. The race will stop at every major community enroute for canoeing demonstrations, sprint races, and local festivities to encourage the competitors.

Private boat owners are being welcomed to accompany the race as a Centen-

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nial Flotilla, so long as they comply with regulations and do not endanger competitors or accompanying official vessels. Members may join or leave at any point along the way.

There will be eight official vessels including a Race Flagship, a motorized scow and six 18 to 26-foot boats.

Centennial Center are organizers of the S.A.M. Race. Honorary Race Commodore and officials are to be selected.

Eligibility for the race is as follows:

Any team of six (6) members fulfilling the following requirements is eligible to apply for entry:

The team must be sponsored by an incorporated Canoe Club or Association, a Community, Group of Communities, Region or Province. Any one organization may sponsor only ONE (1) team.

Each team member must have reached his sixteenth (16) birthday prior to the start of the Race.

Each team member who has not reached his twenty-first (21) birthday prior to the start of the Race must have written permission of his parents or guardian.

A team NOT resident in the Northwest Territories must pay an Entry Fee of $500.00.

The team application must be received no later than MIDNIGHT, MONDAY, MAY 11, 1970.

THE RACE SELECTION COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY APPLICATION.

Application for entry must be made by letter to:

SIR ALEXANDER MACKENZIE CANOE RACE,
RACE SELECTION COMMITTEE,
N.W.T. CENTENNIAL CENTER,
YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.

Those taking part in the Centennial Flotilla should also write the above address as soon as possible.

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Equipment Regulations:

Each team will use the official canoe provided by the Race Organization. These canoes will be painted white with the Centennial Symbol emplaced on each side of the bow.

Each team must provide their own mandatory equipment as detailed in rules of the race.

A basic food ration of approximately 5,000 calories per day plus limited high energy supplements will be provided.

Race schedule is attached.

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RACE SCHEDULE

Date	Location
July 7	Fort Providence Race "Report Centre"
July 8	Fort Providence
July 9	Fort Providence
July 10	Fort Providence
July 11	Browning Farm Camp
July 12	Fort Simpson
July 13	Fort Simpson
July 14	Wildlite Cabin
July 15	Fort Wrigley
July 16	Campsite
July 17	Fort Norman
July 18	Fort Norman
July 19	Norman Wells
July 20	Fort Good Hope
July 21	Fort Good Hope
July 22	Campsite
July 23	Arctic Red River
July 24	Arctic Red River
July 25	Fort McPherson
July 26	Aklavik
July 27	Inuvik
July 28	Inuvik

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NORTHERN MEDIA, CP

Holman Island Launches First Centennial Project

"The eagle saw a little girl gathering wood. He flew down and grabbed her and flew with her to his nest in the middle of a high cliff."

So began Helen Kalvak's story "The Eagle That Kidnapped A Girl" published in Holman Island's first Centennial project, a community newspaper entitled "The Ulu."

Editor Myrtle Delany informed the N.W.T. Government Centennial Center at Yellowknife that "The Ulu" will be published every two months. "The purpose of the paper", she said, "is to portray the work of Holman artists, tell their stories, and preserve their memories of the old days."

The paper is published in English and Eskimo in the Copper dialect.

The first edition of the paper included a story of a Polar Bear Hunt by Jimmy Memorana, an autobiographical sketch of Kalvak, the artist, and a story about "The Man Eaten by the Bear" by George Kitukgitak.

Local news items covered the election of a new Community Council, the names of those men to bag Polar Bears this year, and the Holman Clinic News.

The paper contained many other items of information and interest to readers everywhere and future issues promise the same excellent presentations.

Subscriptions to "The Ulu" will not be sold, but anyone wishing to donate to the paper will receive a copy of every issue published during the year.

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CANOE RACE

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ROYAL TOUR - FORT PROVIDENCE

JULY 9TH, 1970

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales
Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne

10:50 A.M. *Their Royal Highnesses* arrive at Fort Providence airport and await the arrival of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

Her Majesty The Queen
His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh

11:05 A.M. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrive at Fort Providence airport and are welcomed by the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories (Mr. Stuart Hodgson) who presents the Southern Chiefs of the Northwest Territories Indian Bands

11:20 A.M. The Royal Family departs from the airfield by car.

11:30 A.M. Arrival at the Grey Nuns Nursing Station.

Mr. Hodgson presents the Reverend Father Lusson and the Reverend Sister Superior Gagnon.

11:50 A.M. Walk from Nursing Station to National Historic Site. Introduction of Canoe Race Team by the Commissioner en route to the National Historic Site.

11:55 A.M. Arrival at National Historic Site.

12:00 NOON Mr. Chretien presents the Chairman of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board, Mr. A. R. Turner.

Address by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

The Queen is invited to unveil plaque on monument commemorating voyage of Sir Alexander Mackenzie.

12:10 P.M. The Royal Family walks from the monument site to the dock.

12:15 P.M. Arrival at dock and embark in Canadian Coastguard vessels "Tembah" and "Eckaloo".

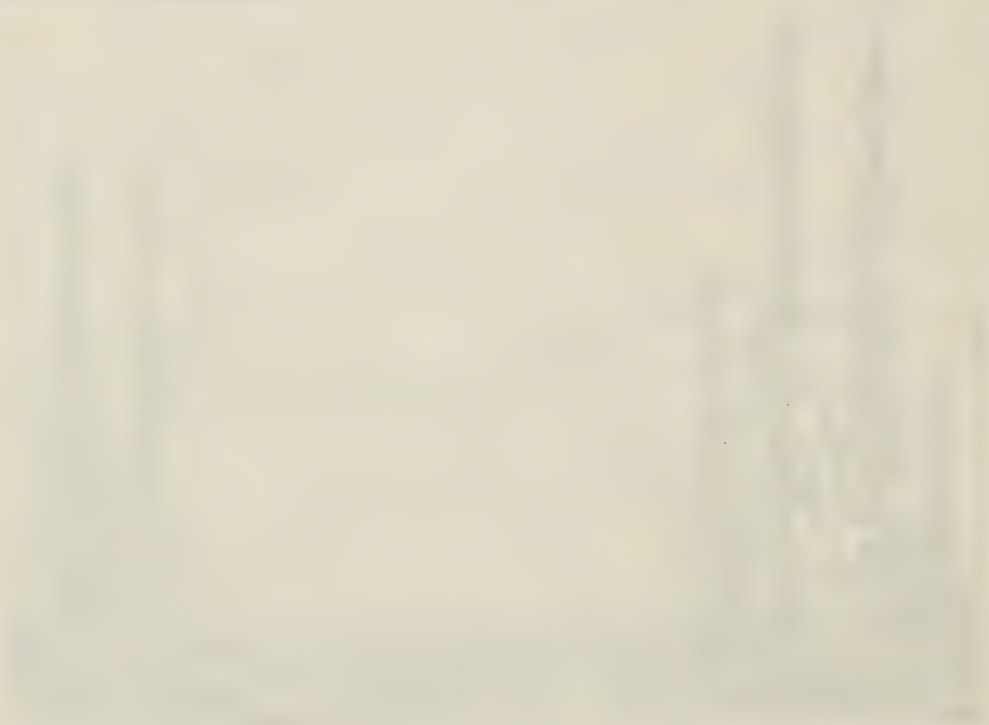
Mr. Hodgson presents the Captain of the "Tembah" (Captain Olaf Nelson) and the Captain of the Eckaloo" (Captain Gordon Swanson).

12:25 P.M. The Duke of Edinburgh is asked to start Sir Alexander Mackenzie canoe race. (Honorary Commodore of Race - Captain W. J. G. Garvie. Race Marshall - Mr. Victor Maxwell.)

12:25 P.M.	View Centennial flotilla and follow canoes briefly.
	The "Tembah" and "Eckaloo" return to dock.
12:40 P.M.	The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh lunch in private on board "Tembah."
	The Prince of Wales and The Princess Anne lunch on board "Eckaloo."
1:45 P.M.	The Royal Family disembarks, walks to area where public barbecue is in progress.
	Watch Indian stick games.
	His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales. *Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne.*
2:15 P.M.	*Their Royal Highnesses* depart barbecue by car for Fort Providence airport.
2:30 P.M.	Arrival at Fort Providence airport.
2:35 P.M.	*Their Royal Highnesses* depart by Otter aircraft for Yellowknife.
	Her Majesty The Queen *His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.*
2:30 P.M.	The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh depart barbecue site for Fort Providence airport by car.
2:45 P.M.	Arrival at airport
	Farewells
2:50 P.M.	Departure by Otter aircraft.

SIR ALEXANDER MACKENZIE

canoe race



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Chief Voyageur	----------	Vic Maxwell
Chief Factor (Administration)	----------	Bob Baetz
Courier de Bois (Advance Man)	----------	Jim Green
Chief Timer	----------	George Abel
Assistant Timer	----------	Andy Steen
Safety Officer	----------	Al Oulton
Assistant Safety Officer	----------	Larry White
Flotilla Officer	----------	Fred Berry
Medical Officer	----------	Dr. Daniel Dumas

HONORARY COMMODORE	----------	CAPTAIN W.J.G. GARVIE
CENTENNIAL CO-ORDINATOR	----------	JIM WHELLY

VOYAGEURS

AKLAVIK

Tom Ross 43
Billy Arey 26
Frank Edwards 24
Abraham Peterson 30
Billy Harris 21
Jackie Storr 23
Jimmy Dick 25

ALBERTA

George Ennis 35
Lance Mayer
Ken Plews
Bob Poluck
Bob Ridley
Dave Maclure

ARCTIC RED RIVER

James Simon 30
John Ross 21
Danny Adams 21
David Adams 19
Fred Gerome 20
Morris Cardinal 22
Eddy Queen 35

DETAH

(YELLOWKNIFE BAY)

Frank Drygeese 22
Noel Crookedhand 40
Alfred Baillargeon 34
Mike Crapeau 27
Mike List 25
Johas Noel 31
Jonas Crapeau 24

FORT GOOD HOPE

Charlie Barnaby 37
Gabe Kochon 49
Alfred Orlieas 28
Johas Manuel 23
Peter Mountain 26
Joseph Orlieas 30
Edward Kelly 33

FORT MCPHERSON

Philip Blake 29
Woody Elias 33
Joe Vittrekwa 22
Fred Vittrekwa 26
Joe Jerome 32
Joe Kay 28
John Itsi 37

FORT PROVIDENCE

Jim Thom 22
Archie Landry 29
Dan Minoza 25
Leon Sanderson 29
Fred Punch 37
James Ellezy 27
Charlie Landry 27

INUVIK

Frank Stefansson 28
Noel Stewart 23
Hugh Rogers 35
Ron Lalonde 33
Teddy Rogers 25
John Allen 23
Hank Rogers 18

YELLOWKNIFE

Bill Farley 33
Neil Slade 22
Daryl Slade 18
Paul Roy 32
Joe Roy 30
Walter Edgi 20

YUKON

Hans Algotsson 20
Martyn Williams 23
Harry Atkinson 18
Bob Shaw 28
Warner Meyer 27
Roger McDonnell 28

PROGRAM

SIR ALEXANDER MACKENZIE CANOE RACE

July 9/70 — *Paddlers in Voyageur Dress*

11:00 a.m.	*Voyageurs and canoes arrive at enclosure adjacent to Historic Site.*
11:05 a.m.	Arrival of Queen Elizabeth 11, The Duke of Edinburgh, The Prince Charles and The Princess Anne at airstrip. Royal Pary meets chiefs of N.W.T. Indian Bands.
11:10 a.m.	*Voyageurs sign License (conges) to enter Indian Country to trade. Ceremony presided over by the Honorary Commodore of the S.A.M. Race, W.J. Garvey, and the Hudson's Bay Company Manager at Fort Providence. Voyageurs issued sashes and head-scarves by Chief Voyageur.*
11:20 a.m.	Royal Party depart airstrip by car.
11:52 a.m.	Royal Party *meets the Voyageurs.*
11:55 a.m.	Royal Party arrives at Historic Site.
12:05 p.m.	The Queen unveils National Historic Site Plaque commemorating the discovery of the Mackenzie River by Sir Alexander Mackenzie.
12:10 p.m.	*Canoes leave Historic Site and enter water just downstream of dock.* *Blessing of canoes by Father Lusson of Fort Providence.*
12:15 p.m.	Royal Party boards coastguard vessel "Tembah". *Voyageurs paddle upstream in order of draw and wait on bank in readiness for first lap.*
12:15 p.m.	*Voyageurs leave bank and fan out into starting position.*
12:25 p.m.	The Duke of Edinburgh starts the first lap of the Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canor Race. *Voyageurs race over marked course (downstream) and return to finish line.*
12:45 p.m.	"Hugh A. Young" returns to dock
1:45 p.m.	Royal Party disembarks vessels, walk to barbecue pit to watch Indian stick game.
3:00 p.m.	*Finish of first lap of canoe race.* Lap - 15 miles Total 15
4:00 p.m.	Public buffalo barbecue
4:30 p.m.	*Presentation of prize money for first lap to Voyageurs.*

July 10 — *Paddlers in Voyageur dress*

4:50 a.m. — *All canoes at start line*

5:00 a.m. — *Start first canoe brigade to Browning Farm*

Points of Interest: Mills Lake
Bouvier River
Redknife River

2:00 p.m. — Support Party arrives at Browning Farm camp area.

5:30 p.m. — *Canoes arrive and camp.*

Brigade 82 miles Total 97

July 11 — *Paddlers in Voyageur dress*

4:50 a.m. — *All canoes at start line*

5:00 a.m. — *Start second canoe brigade to Fort Simpson.*

7:00 a.m. — Support Party leaves camp

Points of Interest: Trout River - *abandoned village*
Head of the Line - *Before the days of powered craft, canoes and "York-boats" travelling upstream were forced to use tow-lines to navigate the swift current in this 60 mile section of the river.*
Jean Marie Creek

Paddlers stop for refreshments at Indian Village.

Rabbitskin River
Green Island Rapids
Gros Cap
Liard River

1:00 p.m. — Support Party arrives at Fort Simpson camp area.

2:00 p.m. — *Canoes arrive at Green Island Rapid assembly area.*

2:30 p.m. — *Canoes leave assembly area.*

4:00 p.m. — *Canoes arrive at Fort Simpson and camp*

8:00 p.m. — Dance at Community Hall

Brigade 76 miles Total 173

July 12 — Fort Simpson — *Paddlers in Voyageur dress*

2:00 p.m. Power Boat Races

3:00 p.m. *Canoe demonstration*

3:15 p.m. *Start first sprint*

Sprint 2 miles Total 175

4:00 p.m. Buffalo Barbecue

4:30 p.m. Presentations

July 13 — *Paddlers in casual dress*

4:50 a.m. *Canoes at start line*

5:00 a.m. *Start third canoe brigade to Camsell Bend.*

8:00 a.m. Support Party leaves Fort Simpson

Points of Interest:
Martin River
Nahanni Mountain
Mackenzie Mountain Range
3000 Foot Bare Rock Escarpment
Camsell Bend.

2:00 p.m. Support Party arrives at Camsell Bend Camp Area.

4:00 p.m. *Canoes arrive at Camsell Bend camp area.*

Brigade 79 miles Total 254

July 14 — *Paddlers casual dress*

4:50 a.m. *All canoes at start line*

5:00 a.m. *Start fourth canoe brigade to Fort Wrigley*

7:00 a.m. Support Party leaves Camsell Bend.

Points of Interest:
Root River
McGern Island (14 miles long)
Willow Lake River
McConnel Range (East Bank)
River Between Two Mountains
Old Fort Island (*Trading Post originally established here in 1877 - abandoned)*

1:00 p.m. Support Party arrives at Fort Wrigley

2:00 p.m. *Canoes arrive at assembly area 3 miles upstream of Fort*

July 14 *Wrigley*

2:30 p.m. *Canoes continue brigade*

3:00 p.m. *Canoes arrive at Fort Wrigley*

Brigade 74 miles Total 328

3:30 p.m. Outdoor Barbecue *Paddlers in Voyageur dress*

5:00 p.m. Ceremonial Drum Dance

July 15

5:50 a.m. *All canoes at start line.*

6:00 a.m. *Start fifth canoe brigade to Birch Island campsite*

8:00 a.m. Support Party Leaves Fort Wrigley.

Points of Interest:
- Wrigley River (West Side)
- Roche Que-Trempe-A-L'Eau
- Mount Gaudet (East Side)
- Ochre River (West Side)
- Johnson River (West Side)
- Blackwater River (East Side)

2:30 p.m. Support Party arrives Birch Island Camp Area.

6:00 p.m. *Canoes arrive at Birch Island campsite.*

Brigade 80 miles Total 408

July 16 *Paddlers in Casual dress*

5:50 a.m. *All canoes at start line.*

6:00 a.m. *Start of sixth brigade to Fort Norman.*

8:00 a.m. Support Party leaves Birch Island Camp

Points of Interest:
- Redstone River (West Side)
- Saline River (East Side - Runs over Salt Beds)
- Saline Island
- Keele River (West Side)
- Old Fort Point (Former site of Fort Norman)

2:00 p.m. Support Party arrives Fort Norman camp area.

4:30 p.m. *Canoes arrive at assembly area.*

4:45 p.m. *Canoes leave assembly area.*

Points of Interest: Beavertail Mountains (East Side)
Ramparts River (West Side)
Ramparts Rapids
The Ramparts (*sheer limestone cliffs about 700 feet high on both sides of the river for about 10 miles.)*

5:00 p.m. Support Party arrives Fort Good Hope.

8:00 p.m. *Canoes arrive at Fort Good Hope.*

Brigade 120 miles Total 661

July 20 Fort Good Hope *Paddlers in Voyageur dress*

8:00 a.m. Pancake breakfast

9:30 a.m. Decorated Bicycle Parade

10:00 a.m. *Tour of Historic Roman Catholic Church "Our Lady of Good Hope"*

10:30 a.m. Fort Good Hope Sports Day.

11:00 a.m. Official opening of Fort Good Hope Craft Shop

2:00 p.m. *Canoe demonstration*

2:15 p.m. *Start of third sprint* (Sponsored by N.C.P.C.)

2:30 p.m. Presentations

3:00 p.m. Barbecue

Sprint 2 miles Total 663

July 21 Arctic Circle *Paddlers in Voyageurs dress*

5:50 a.m. *All canoes at start line*

6:00 a.m. *Canoes start eighth brigade.*

8:00 a.m. Support Party leaves Fort Good Hope.

10:00 a.m. *Canoes and* Support Party arrive at Wooded Island for Arctic Circle Crossing Ceremony.
"Northerner's Oath" Ceremony by N.W.T. Area Administrator D.T. (Mush) Mercereau.
Voyageurs take oath and then raise flagpole, and sign document. This ceremony by Chief Voyageur Vic Maxwell.

11:00 a.m. Lunch of Arctic Char and Whalemeat.

12:00 Noon *Canoes and* Support Party continue 8th brigade.

5:00 p.m. Arrival At Fort Norman of Fort Franklin Canoe Brigade.

5:00 p.m. *Canoes arrive at Fort Norman.*

7:00 p.m. Ceremonial Drum Dance

8:00 p.m. Voyageur's Dance

Brigade 80 miles Total 488

July 17 Fort Norman *Paddlers in Voyageur dress*

11:00 a.m. Community Program

2:00 p.m. *Canoe demonstration*

2:15 p.m. *Start of canoe sprint #2.*

2:30 p.m. Outdoor Barbecue

Sprint 2 miles Total 490

July 18 Norman Wells *Paddlers in Voyageur dress*

7:30 a.m. *Canoes paddle one mile upstream on Bear River.*

7:50 a.m. *All canoes at start line (Le Mans style start)*

8:00 a.m. *Start second lap to Norman Wells.*

8:00 a.m. Support Party Leaves Fort Norman.

10:00 a.m. Norman Wells annual Sports Day and Carnival.

Points of Interest: Bear Rock.

1:30 p.m. *Canoes arrive at Norman Wells finish line.*

2:00 p.m. Community Reception

3:00 p.m. Outdoor Barbecue

5:00 p.m. Open Air Dance

Lap 51 miles Total 541

July 19 Sans Sault Rapids *Paddlers in Casual dress*

3:50 a.m. *All canoes at start line.*

4:00 a.m. *Start seventh canoe brigade to Fort Good Hope.*

7:30 a.m. Support Party leaves Norman Wells.

5:00 p.m. Support Party arrives at Little Chicago Camp Site.

9:30 p.m. *Canoes arrive at camp area. (old fur trade post)*

Brigade 92 miles Total 755

July 22

4:50 a.m. *All canoes at Start line*

5:00 a.m. *Start of ninth brigade to Arctic Red River.*

9:00 a.m. Support Party leaves Little Chicago Camp.

12:00 Noon *Canoes and* Support Party stop for noon break.

2:00 p.m. *Canoes and* Support Party leave for Arctic Red River.

6:00 p.m. Support Party arrives at Arctic Red River.

11:30 p.m. *Canoes arrive at Arctic Red Camp area.*

Brigade 125 miles Total 880

July 23 Arctic Red River *Paddlers in casual dress.*

2:30 p.m. Arctic Red River Treaty Day Celebration and Presentations by D.T. Mercereau.

5:00 p.m. Community barbecue

July 24

5:50 a.m. *All canoes at start line*

6:00 a.m. *Canoes depart for Fort McPherson*

10:00 a.m. Support Party leaves Arctic Red River.

3:00 p.m. Support Party arrives at Fort McPherson.

4:00 p.m. *Canoes arrive at Fort McPherson*

6:00 p.m. Loucheux Feast

Paddlers in Voyageur dress

Brigade 58 miles Total 938

(36 miles upstream on the Peel River)

July 25

4:50 a.m. *All canoes at start line*

5:00 a.m. *Canoes depart for Aklavik*

8:00 a.m. Support Party leaves Fort McPherson

5:00 p.m. Support Party arrives at Aklavik

8:00 p.m. *Canoes arrive at Aklavik*

9:00 p.m. Get-together at campsite area

Paddlers in Voyageur dress

Brigade 106 miles Total 1044

July 26

2:00 p.m. *Sprint Race #4*

Sprint 2 miles Total 1046

July 27

7:50 a.m. *All canoes at start line*

8:00 a.m. *Canoes depart for Inuvik*

10:00 a.m. Support party leaves Aklavik

4:00 p.m. Support party arrives in Inuvik

5:30 p.m. *Canoes arrive at Inuvik* *Paddlers in Voyageur dress*

Brigade 80 miles Total 1126

July 28

Gala Finale to Canoe Race, a half day holiday has been declared in Inuvik for this afternoon.

2:00 p.m. *Sprint Race #5*

Refreshments, games, and the official awarding of cash prizes take place. N.W.T. Deputy Commissioner John Parker and N.C.P.C. General Manager, John Lowe will be officiating at the Award Presentation.

PRIZE MONEY

Fort Providence (*first lap*)	$ 1,000.00
Fort Simpson (*first sprint*)	500.00
Fort Norman (*second sprint*)	300.00
Fort Good Hope (*third sprint*)	300.00
Aklavik (fourth sprint)	300.00
Inuvik (*fifth sprint*)	600.00
Lap race from Fort Providence to Inuvik	10,000.00
Total	$13,000.00

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1787 - Mackenzie was working for the firm of Gregory - McLeod & Co. when it merged to form the North West Co.

1789 - In early June he paddled out from Fort Chipewyan down the Slave River with a crew of four French-Canadians, one German and a "handful of Indians".

July 14 - Mackenzie sighted the Arctic Ocean. It was the first time man had reached the northern sea by an inland water route.

August - After one hundred and two days on the water he arrived back at Fort Chipewyan and dubbed the river that now bears his name "River of Disappointment". He had been looking for the Pacific Ocean.

1793 - Mackenzie crossed the rocky mountains and decended the Bella-Coola River to the Pacific. He accomplished the first crossing of Canada by a European.

THE VOYAGEUR

"Said one of these men, long past seventy years of age: 'I could carry, paddle, walk and sing with any man I ever saw. I have been twenty-four years a canoe man, and forty-one years in service; no portage was ever too long for me. Fifty songs could I sing. I have saved the lives of ten voyageurs. Have had twelve wives and six running dogs. I spent all my money in pleasure. Were I youngagain, I should spend my life the same way over. There is no life so happy as a voyageur's life!"

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FIRST ARCTIC WINTER GAMES - Centennial Year

The First Arctic Winter Games were held in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, March 9-14, 1970.

The elimination trials leading up to the Games took place between January 31 and February 1. The Northwest Territories hosted the trials in the communities of Inuvik, Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Hay River, Baker Lake and Frobisher Bay. In the Yukon, the trials in Fairbanks, Juneau and Ketchican. The Northwest Territories had 850 athletes competing in the trials, the Yukon 500 athletes and Alaska 1,200 American athletes competing to qualify for the Arctic Games.

The Arctic Winter Games was the first assemblage of athletes representing the whole of the North American Arctic were designed to provide incentive to and improve the athletic skills of northern athletes of similar background through competition at an international level.

The Games were only a dream back in 1967 when Commissioner Stewart Hodgson and MP Bud Orange, both of the Northwest Territories, attended the First Canadian Winter Games in Quebec City. Later, Commissioner James Smith of Yukon and Walter Hickel, then Governor of Alaska, thought that the idea was a move in the right direction to bring the northern athletes together in competition for the first time.

The Arctic athletes, composed of whites, Indians and Eskimos, held competitions in ten sports and some eighty separate events, such as badminton, basketball, boxing, curling, figure skating, hockey, shooting, cross-country skiing, table tennis, and volleyball. Each sport included junior and "open-age" categories.

Each territory was permitted a maximum number of athletes for each sport. It was also the territories' responsibility to transport the athletes to Yellowknife. Distance, was the major difficulty the organizing committee faced, involving heavy expense to transport athletes to Yellowknife from such places as Frobisher Bay, 2,500 miles from the western tip of Alaska, the Seward Peninsula and from Holman Island in the north.

Athletes were brought across the vast Arctic expanse from their home towns to Yellowknife by various aircraft, such as Aztecs, DC-6's, DC-3s, Otters and the high speed 737 jets. Dogsleds carried them from communities neighboring Yellowknife.

The federal government's Fitness and Amateur Sport Directorate announced a grant of $140,000 to the games. The organizers were to raise $60,000 from major Canadian companies and Yellowknife merchants, and another $70,000 from the governments of the Northwest Territories and the Yukon for a total of $270,000.

More than 750 athletes competed in the games, and 300 officials and dignitaries had to be accommodated in Yellowknife.

The atletes were housed in the Sir John Franklin High School, the Yellowknife Public School, the Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines dormitory, in Akaitcho Hall, a hostel run by the Northwest Territories' government, and in private homes. Three hundred bunk beds, 600 mattresses, 1,200 blankets and sheets, pillows and pillow cases were flown in by the Department of National Defence.

Bedding was picked up by Hercules aircraft in Cobourg, Ontario, and flown to Yellowknife, flying an estimated 18,000 cubic feet of bedding 2,500 miles.

The athletes and officials were in Yellowknife for seven days, during which time more than 20,000 meals were served from four

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different locations. Six chefs were provided by two major hotels from Edmonton. It is estimated the cost was more than $50,000 to feed the athletes.

The hockey arena was renovated and expanded at a cost of $50,000 for the games. Close to $7,000 was spent on expanding an indoor shooting range. Basketball was played in the Sir John Franklin High School; badminton in the Yellowknife Public School. Cross-country skiing took place on the outskirts of Yellowknife, where some of Canada's best cross-country skiers were participants.

Winners received Arctic Games medals in the form of miniature "ULU"s in gold, silver and copper, bearing the three interlocking circles of the games' symbol.

The "ULU" is a crest-shaped knife used by Eskimos for skinning and cutting whale and seal. It is usually made of copper or steel with a bone handle, but for the Games is cast in gold, silver and copper to represent the metals which helped develop the North.

Arctic Games athletes were chosen at regional playoffs held in the Territories and Alaska. The 60th parallel divides the provinces from the Territories and Alaska, and to be eligible athletes had to reside above the 60th parallel for at least six months.

Traditional Indian and Eskimo games were featured as demonstrations during the Arctic Games. Rich in culture, these include the ring and pin game, the whip contest, harpoon throwing, seal hook throwing, drum dancing and many other authentic native contests.

A 10-year-old figure skater was the youngest athlete. The oldest was an 87-year-old Eskimo from Churchill, who put on a demonstration of Eskimo dancing. The dates for the games, March 9 - 14, were chosen on a long-range weather forecast which predicts temperatures averaging between zero and 10 degrees above during "daylight" lasting up to 11 hours. At other times of the year, Yellowknife has as little as four hours of daylight with temperatures as low as 50 below zero and winds up to 30 miles per hour, with a wind-chill factor of 87 degrees below zero.

Games Chairman Doug Finlayson, a Yellowknife merchant, said 27 committees, totalling 350 volunteers, helped to put the games together. Wes MacAleer, general manager of the Arctic Games, said there were no great problems with the actual running of the games, but explained that inclement weather could have complicated games' schedules by delaying aircraft arrivals.

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau opened the First Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife on March 9.

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Prepared by Hank Leclair - Media Co-ordinator, Arctic Winter Games

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OFFICIAL NORTHWEST TERRITORIES CENTENNIAL SONG

NORTH OF SIXTY

lyrics by
Eileen Hayward

music by
Grace (Veale) Mitts

1. North of six - ty lies a land that is wide and free and
grand, And we call it ours no mat - ter where we roam —
From the for - est to the pole see its migh - ty stretch - es
roll, And we're the ones who like to call it home, sweet home!

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We're Nor-ther-ners, We're Nor - ther - ners, From the North-west

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Ter - ri - to - ries, wrapped in furs! — From the

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shores of Baf-fin Land to Mac - ken-zie's gol - den sand

F7 B♭

We are neigh-bors tho' we're ma - ny miles a - part.

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Music by
Grace V. Mitts

NORTH OF 60

1. North of Sixty lies a land that is wide and free and grand,
And we call it ours no matter where we roam,
From the forest to the pole see its mighty stretches roll-
And we're the ones who like to call it home, sweet home!
Chorus We're northerners, we're northerners,
From the Northwest Territories wrapped in furs;
From the shores of Baffin Land to Mackenzie's golden sand,
We are neighbors though we're many miles apart.

2. Now the color of our skin doesn't even enter in-
We have such a pretty patchwork quilt up here!
But it doesn't light a spark - who can see us in the dark?
And we have the longest winter nights of all - each year!
Chorus We're northerners, we're northerners,
From the Northwest Territories wrapped in furs;
Indian, Eskimo and whites,
Varied as the Northern Lights-
And we copy them in integration too.

3. North of Sixty life is great for we're always up to date
We have deep freeze here both in the house and out!
We go chasing buffalo motorized from head to toe,
And we jigger all the bigger fish here too - lake trout!
Chorus We're northerners, we're northerners,
From the Northwest Territories wrapped in furs;
For a tasty northern stew,
There is moose and caribou,
And a gourmet dish of muktuk on the side.

4. Oh the kids up here have fun waiting for the reindeer run,
And they get to see them starting on their haul;
For because of our location and the local reindeer station
Santa always comes to us the first of all!
Chorus We're northerners, we're northerners,
From the Northwest Territories wrapped in furs;
When the summer sun goes down, he is such a northern clown
He just winks and bounces back at us again!

5. We're not bragging, it is true, we are simply telling you
That the ugly duckling's turned into a swan-
We have mountain, lake and plain; we have mineral, fish and game;
And our great Mackenzie River sings along.
Chorus We're northerners, we're northerners,
From the Northwest Territories wrapped in furs;
We've got iron in our rocks, we've got gold dust in our socks,
And our oil is kept in storage down below!

6. Now the building of our nation started with a good foundation,
But we've got to make the structure weather-proof-
Build the rafters strong and high - point them to the northern sky,
For they need young folk like us upon the roof!
Chorus We're northerners, we're northerners,
From the Northwest Territories wrapped in furs;
North of sixty year by year, building up this new frontier,
All together through another century!

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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES CENTENNIAL 1970

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After a very successful celebration of Canada's Centenary in 1967, the Northwest Territories is already enthusiastically progressing with plans for its own Centennial in 1970.

It is the intention to plan programs which will to a large extent involve people from all over Canada because the events that occurred in 1870, when the nation was only three years old, in large measure made possible the Canada of today.

At the time of Confederation Canada included only Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and a very small portion of the present provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Between the tiny Canada of that day in the east and British Columbia in the west stretched the vast, undeveloped, largely unexplored and sparsely populated lands owned by the Hudson's Bay Company.

In 1868 the Rupert's Land Act by the British Imperial Parliament authorized the purchase by the Dominion of Canada of the immense tracts of land known as Rupert's Land and the North Western Territory. Full title to these lands was transferred to the Dominion of Canada in 1870 and an Order in Council established them as part of the Dominion of Canada to be known as the Northwest Territories.

Thus Canada grew from a small country huddled along the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River and the Atlantic seaboard to a mighty nation stretching north to the Arctic Ocean and west to the Pacific.

Since that time, the original Northwest Territories has given birth to the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan; has nurtured Manitoba from an infant Red River settlement to adulthood; and has given to Ontario and Quebec their vast mineral, timber and recreation-rich northward; in 1880, when British rights to the remainder of the Arctic Islands were transferred, and in 1925 when Canada's boundaries were extended, according to the sector principle, to the North Pole.

In 1970 it is hoped that Canadians will gain a faith in the future of the Northwest Territories - the same faith that prompted our leaders of a century ago to purchase and create the Northwest Territories of 1870. It is hoped that all Canadians will participate in the Northwest Territories Centennial by one means or another: by contributing ideas, by obtaining a better understanding of the Northwest Territories through reading, study and above all if possible, by a visit to somewhere in Canada's Northland.

One major attraction to be held at Yellowknife during Centennial Year will be the first Arctic Winter Games from March 10th to the 14th. Planning is well under way for this international event which will, hopefully, include athletes from Alaska, the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories. The Games will include such northern sports as snowshoeing, skiing, snowmobile and dog team racing, as well as more southern oriented sports such as basketball and badminton. There will also be sports native to the Indians and Eskimos of the North, such as stick games, hand and knee games and blanket tossing.

Among the more ambitious events now in the planning stages are the following Territorial Events:

> Dogsled mailruns in both the Eastern and Western Arctic with mail using a special Centennial Stamp; Regional snowmobile races;
> International marathon canoe race from Fort Providence 1,000 miles down the Mackenzie River to Inuvik;
> And commemorative re-enactments of some of the north's early explorers.

Committees are being established in every community in the Northwest Territories so that the bulk of the Centennial program will originate at the local level.

It is hoped that the same enthusiasm that was generated during Canada's Centennial Year can be brought to bear on the celebrations of the Northwest Territories Centennial Year in 1970 so that it will be a year which will imprint the promising future of the Northwest Territories on the minds of Canadians.

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N.W.T. CENTENNIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1970

ROYAL TOUR

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne have graciously consented to tour the Northwest Territories during Centennial Year 1970.

The Royal Tour will begin in Frobisher Bay on July 5 and end in Yellowknife on July 10. During their five days in the Territories they will also visit Resolute Bay, Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk, Fort Smith, Pine Point and Fort Providence. Wherever possible, arrangements will be made for representatives from nearby communities to be brought in to participate in the activities at each of the tour centres.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the Royal Tour is truly Northern oriented, wherein Her Majesty can meet as many Northerners as possible and participate with them in Centennial celebrations.

Here are some of the things the Royal Family will see and do:

Frobisher Bay (July 5/6) . . . Tour the community . . . Lay the cornerstone for the new Anglican "Igloo Cathedral" . . . Visit display of community handicrafts . . . Attend a performance of the Keewatin children's Eskimo Ballet . . . Take part in a traditional Eskimo community dance.

Resolute Bay (July 6) . . . Tour the settlement . . . Visit a traditional Eskimo smoke house . . . Attend a whip-cracking and Eskimo square dancing display.

NOTE: The Duke of Edinburgh and The Prince of Wales will also visit the Ellef Ringnes Island Oil exploration site.

Inuvik (July 6) . . . Official welcome and view boy scouts, guides, army cadets, etc., at airport . . . Tour of community including Arctic wild animal display.

Tuktoyaktuk (July 6/7) . . . Visit 'Pingo' site . . . Visit traditional Eskimo house . . . Visit fur garment shop . . . Attend community gathering . . . View Eskimo drum dance . . . View Midnight Sun

Inuvik (July 7) . . . Visit craft shop . . . View community hospital . . . Attend community lunch . . . Visit experimental oil pipeline . . . Presentation of Mackenzie Delta National and International ski champions . . . Attend display of Northern Games.

Yellowknife (July 7) . . . Official welcome and view army cadets, girl guides, boy scouts, etc . . . Tour of city . . . Visit Con gold mine.

Fort Smith (July 8) . . . Official welcome and view cadets, girl guides, scouts, legionairres, etc . . . Tour of community . . . Attend community buffalo barbecue . . . Visit museum display in gymnasium (Grandin College) . . . The Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales depart for Pine Point . . . Visit Old Timers Reunion Celebrations.

Pine Point (July 8) . . . Visit open pit mine . . . Visit mill . . . Tour of community . . . View parade of school children, girl guides, scouts, etc . . . Community reception.

Yellowknife (July 8) . . . The Queen's message relay for the opening of the Commonwealth Games (Pettitot Part) . . . View special Eskimo art and Indian arts and crafts exhibition . . . Presentation of award winning sculpture to the Queen . . . Exhibition of paintings of the North by Canadian Artists . . . The Prince of

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THE COMMUNITY CENTENNIAL GRANT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Community Centennial Grant Program is to encourage communities to develop Centennial projects or events of their own choice, and to provide some financial assistance for them.

Only ONE Grant is provided to each community. Application for the Grant can be made at any time between June 15, 1969 and July 31, 1970 in whole or in part, but Community Centennial Committees are urged to apply as early as possible.

The size of the Grant depends on:

a. The willingness and ability of the community to raise a share of the cost in money, labour or donated materials.

b. The community population - Due to the difficulties inherent in raising money in the smaller communities the size of the grant is in inverse ration to the population, ranging from $2.00 to match each dollar raised by communities under 1,000 population to $0.50 to match each dollar raised by communities over 2,000 population.

Since some communities are in better position to raise money than others the Grant cannot match the amount the community can raise without some limit. This limit has been set at the equivalent of $1.00 for each member of the community.

The above limit does not apply to communities of under 100 population. For these communities the Grant will provide $2.00 to match each dollar raised by the community in cash, labour or materials, up to a maximum of $200.00.

PRIME MINISTER'S CENTENNIAL TOUR

Prime Minister Trudeau visited eight N.W.T. communities during the month of March, arriving in the Capital March 9 to officiate at the opening of the Arctic Winter Games.

On Thursday, March 5, he boarded an R.C.M.P. Twin Otter at Churchill for a visit to Rankin Inlet and Baker Lake where he stayed overnight.

March 6 he visited with the people of Repulse Bay and then went to Igloolik where he spent the night.

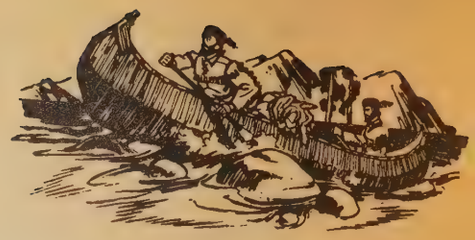
The March 7 itinerary included Pelly Bay, Spence and Cambridge Bay.

Sunday, March 8 the Prime Minister made the trip to Yellowknife to meet with Territorial Councillors.

Monday he attended the Winter Games, and left Tuesday for Ottawa.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S CENTENNIAL TOUR

Their Excellencies, The Right Honourable Roland Michener, CC., CD., Governor General of Canada and Mrs. Michener are expected to tour the Northwest Territories' Mackenzie Region, tentatively in August, 1970. The details of the tour will be published later.



SIR ALEXANDER MACKENZIE CANOE RACE

The Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race will be a colorful focal point of Centennial activity in the Mackenzie Region. The race will be restricted to twenty-five foot Voyageur-type, six-man canoes and will be open to all Canadians with the exception that at least 50 percent of the competitors must be residents of the N.W.T.

The race will begin with spectacular opening ceremonies in Fort Providence with the starting gun to be fired by His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

The race will end some 1,100 Mackenzie River miles later in Inuvik with gala festivities including presentation of prizes and a winners' banquet.

Enroute the race will stop at every major settlement for exhibitions and local festivities to encourage the competitors.

Canoes for the race will be provided. Entry for N.W.T. teams is free. Southern teams will be charged an entry fee of $500.00 which includes food during the race and return transportation from Inuvik to Hay River.

Any team wishing to enter should register with the N.W.T. Centennial Center as soon as possible.

July 9	**Start**	**- Fort Providence**
July 27	**End**	**- Inuvik**

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES CENTENNIAL DOGSLED MAIL RUNS

WESTERN DOGSLED MAIL RUN LEAVES FORT SMITH MARCH 15, 1970

EASTERN DOGSLED MAIL RUN LEAVES CHURCHILL FOR BAKER LAKE AND CHESTERFIELD INLET ON APRIL 4, 1970.

To get your commemorative cover $3.00 for each cover requested must be sent to N.W.T. Centennial Center, Yellowknife, N.W.T. (Cheques must be made out to the Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories).

Specify whether you wish the cover mailed to you or to the N.W.T. Centennial Center, Yellowknife. In the latter case, the cover will be mailed to you in a separate envelope after arrival in Yellowknife.

A small quantity of mail addressed to Centennial Center is being carried on each run enabling late subscribers to have the benefit of a valuable collector's item.

SPECIFY – EASTERN OR WESTERN MAIL RUN.

ROYAL TOUR (Continued from Page 1)

Wales and the Princess Anne attend informal barbeque at McNiven Beach.

Fort Providence (July 9) . . . Official welcome including presentation of all Chiefs of N.W.T. Indian Bands . . . Briefing on day's events . . . Unveiling of National Historic Site commemorating voyage of Sir Alexander Mackenzie . . . Attend opening of Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race (The Duke of Edinburgh will start the race) . . . Demonstration of Indian Games . . . Visit Mackenzie barbeque with residents and visitors from all adjacent communities.

Yellowknife (July 9) . . . Visit City Hall (The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh) . . . Attend community sports . . . View Indian dance by residents of Fort Rae . . . Attend rock drilling competition . . . (The Prince of Wales and Princess Anne) crowning of winner of National Indian Princess Contest by the Prince of Wales (The Royal Family) . . . Reception . . . Official banquet . . . The Queen's radio broadcast to the people of the N.W.T. by special extended network . . . Attend community concert (including the Hay River Centennial Choir and Indian Drum Dance).

Yellowknife (July 10) . . . Depart N.W.T. for Churchill, Manitoba.

SOUVENIR ITEMS

CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION OF THE N.W.T.

The Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories is a non-profit corporation operating under the Societies Ordinance of the N.W.T.

Its purpose is to solicit and receive funds from sources other than the Territorial Government, to be expended in aid of the Centennial program as defined by the Government of the N.W.T.

Officers of the Association are: Mr. John H. Parker, Deputy Commissioner, President; Mr. E. Alan Ballantyne, Director-General, Centennial, Vice President; Mr. Rod Morrison, Centennial Center, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mr. Charles McCurdy, Treasury Department and Mr. Jim Whelly, General Manager, Centennial Center, Technical Advisers.

Address of the Association is Centennial Center, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Some of the revenue-producing projects of the Association are: The Winchester N.W.T. Centennial Commemorative Rifle Patrons Program; sales of the official N.W.T. Centennial Medallion, souvenir Polar Bear License plate and Eastern and Western Dogsled Mail Run philatelic covers, as well as the official Centennial Calendar and Centennial souvenir catalogue.

The Association also solicits financial support from companies and corporations with operations in the Northwest Territories.

CENTENNIAL FLAGS

Every Centennial Committee in the N.W.T. is in the position to raise money through the sale of official Centennial flags.

The flags are manufactured under licence for Centennial Center and are supplied at cost price to Community Centennial Committees for retail sale. Profits on sales will provide additional funds for local Centennial projects.

5½" x 10" Centennial aerial flags and desk flags with stand-up bases are available in yellow, purple, red, green, blue and orange. Larger flags; 36" x 72" are available in official white and the same colors as the desk flags.

All flags depict the official Centennial Symbol.

Centennial stick-on decals, also bearing the Centennial Symbol, are available from Centennial Center and through Community Committees.

GO BY POLAR BEAR

Over 16,000 Polar Bears will be on the roads throughout the N.W.T. in 1970.

In connection with Centennial celebrations the Territorial Government has replaced normal rectangular plates with the outline of the popular "Prowling Polar Bear" symbol.

Commissioner Stuart M. Hodgson who thought of the idea while driving in his car said, "We wanted to associate the government with Centennial year and having adopted the bear as our symbol decided to use it for the licence plates".

Powder blue in colour the Polar Bears have white letters reading "Northwest Territories" the number below and "Centennial 1970" across the bottom.

Souvenir hunters and licence plate collectors have harassed the vehicle registry department in the past by removing the low number licence plates from parked cars. In spite of ordering twelve replicas of the "disappearing plates" Territorial Secretary Harold Cross fears more will be needed before the end of 1970.

Collectors pieces indeed are the "Royal Plates" - a gold painted crown substituted for the number - to be used on the Queen's car during her visit to the capital beginning July 5th.

But collectors need not despair - 500 sample plates numbered 000 have been given to Centennial Center for sale at $5.00 per plate with the proceeds going to the Centennial Association of the N.W.T. for use on other Centennial projects.

COMMEMORATIVE RIFLE

"Winchester - the gun that won the Northwest Territories? To a large extent this is true. And although the battles have been for man's survival against the harsh natural environment, rather than against bands of outlaws and 'wild' Indians, the struggle has been real and the Winchester rifle has played a key role."

Winchester Rifle Canada Ltd., under agreement with the N.W.T. Centennial Association, will design and produce a Centennial Commemorative Rifle. The rifle will be a Winchester 30-30, yellow gold plated with the Centennial Medallion embeded in the stock and suitably inscribed.

These rifles will be available to gun collectors and the general public through regular Winchester dealers in the latter half of 1970.

THE N.W.T. CENTENNIAL MAP

The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources has agreed to produce a Centennial map for N.W.T. in 1970.

The pictorial portion of the map depicts most of the animals and birds of the North as well as the major mineral deposits.

Historically, the map traces the routes of many early Arctic explorers. Mackenzie and Franklin in the west, McClure and Amundsen in the North, Frobisher and Hudson in the East.

The map itself is bordered with pen drawings of all of the Commissioners that have held office in the N.W.T.

Akaitcho, Matonabbee and Kiviuk are included in the body of the map.

These maps will be made available in the spring of 1970.

CENTENNIAL MEDALLION

An official Centennial Medallion will be produced by Centennial Center in 1970. The three dimensional medallion will have the Centennial Symbol on one side and the Northwest Territories Coat of Arms on the other.

The medallion will be distributed to school children in conjunction with the Centennial School Program. It will also be embedded in the stock of the Winchester Commemorative Rifle. A special package consisting of the medallion and the story of the N.W.T. Centennial will be available for sale to the general public.

The medallion is the first commemorative coin to be struck in Canada in a special alloy of nickel, aluminum and bronze.

Enquires for the medallion from OUTSIDE the Northwest Territories should be directed to:

The Sherrit Mint,
Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta and
Mayfair Jewellry and Coin Company,
10450 Jasper Avenue,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Enquiries for the medallion from INSIDE the Northwest Territories should be directed to:

Wholesale – N.W.T. Centennial Center,
Yellowknife, N.W.T.
(cheques or money orders made to Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories).

Retail – Any Northern Retailer.

Price	Bronze	$ 2.00 each
	Silver	$15.00 each

Bronze medallion is packaged with the history of Centennial '70. Silver medallion is packaged in a presentation box.

Free medallions will be issued to every student in the N.W.T. in 1970.

DOGSLED MAIL RUNS

One of the major events in Centennial Year will be the re-enactment of two historic dogsled mail runs which helped to provide some of the early communication links in the North.

The first run, the Centennial Western Dogsled Mail Run will originate in Fort Smith on March 15, 1970 and follow the Mackenzie River route to reach its final destination of Inuvik approximately April 19, 1970. The second run, the Centennial Eastern Dogsled Mail Run, will originate in Churchill on April 4, 1970 and terminate in Baker Lake and Chesterfield Inlet late in April 1970.

A limited number of special commemorative covers (envelope size 3 5/8 x 6 1/2 with or without enclosure), will be carried on each run. The attractive cover design, in four colours depicts a typical mail sled, dog team and driver with an inscription to identify the two separate runs.

Anyone wishing to subscribe to either or both of these runs should mail their order to the Centennial Center, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, N.W.T. Each order should be accompanied by:

- A certified cheque or money order in the amount of $3.00 for each cover requested, made out to the Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories.
- Instructions concerning which Run and whether you wish to have the cover addressed to you or to the Centennial Center in Yellowknife. In the latter case the cover will be mailed to you in a separate envelope after arrival in Yellowknife.

We regret that no other covers, cards or material can be carried on these runs.

CENTENNIAL TOQUE

Duffle toques in navy blue, white, green or red have been proclaimed the official 1970 N.W.T. Centennial headgear.

The toques are designed on the voyageur motif with hand stitched decorations including a Centennial symbol on one side and a fall of native fur on the tip of the stitched down peak of the hat.

The Etsaredi Co-operative at Fort Rae, N.W.T., designed the toques and is the main producer.

Enquiries should be directed to any northern retailer or to the Etsaredi Co-operative, Fort Rae, N.W.T.

In the year 1868 the British Imperial Parliament passed the Rupert's Land Act. The document authorized the sale to Canada of immense tracts of land known as Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory.

The Federal Government of Canada, immersed at that time, in another austerity program took a year to raise the £300,000 necessary for the purchase.

Full title to the land was transferred to the Dominion of Canada in 1870 and an Order in Council established it as part of the Dominion of Canada to be known as the Northwest Territories.

From the "Territories" sprang Alberta, Saskatchewan, most of Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario, Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories as we know it today.

It is the historic Order in Council of 1870 that the Northwest Territories Centennial commemorates and celebrates.

From this one far-sighted act Canada grew from a tiny country huddled along the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River and the Atlantic seaboard to a mighty nation stretching north to the Arctic Ocean and west to the Pacific.

CENTENNIAL CALENDAR

A Territory-wide Centennial Calendar has been developed listing all identified community Centennial projects and events and every other known major regional or territorial event taking place during Centennial Year.

Two versions of the Calendar will be produced - a working calendar which will be distributed free throughout the Territories and in response to requests from Southern Canada - and a specially designed calendar in colour which will be distributed free to Community Centennial Committee members and will also be available for sale to the general public.

Enquiries should be directed to the N.W.T. Centennial Center in Yellowknife, N.W.T.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

An historic leap forward in the development of Canada, the formation of the Northwest Territories, will be commemorated on a Canada Post Office stamp in 1970, Postmaster General Eric Kierans has announced. The Northwest Territories celebrates its official Centennial year in 1970.

An Imperial Order in Council which took effect on July 15, 1870 created the Northwest Territories from Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory.

"In 1970," the Post Office Department's news release said, "inhabitants of this vast region, more than one third of Canada's total area, will place emphasis on unity, not only with respect to all Canada but between the Eskimos, Indians and other Canadians who work together in developing the Territories' component areas of Franklin, Mackenzie and Keewatin."

SOUVENIR CATALOGUE

The N.W.T. Centennial Souvenir Committee in co-operation with the N.W.T. Centennial Center and with the assistance of the Department of Industry and Development has produced a catalogue of souvenir items. These items have been specially designed by artists and craftsmen across the Territories to commemorate Centennial Year and to display a sampling of the Arts and Crafts Industry in the North.

The catalogue itself will be available for sale to the general public. Enquiries should be directed to the N.W.T. Centennial Center, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

GRETTA KELUAK, 100

According to the R.C.N.W.M.P. disc list, Gretta Keluak of Baker Lake is going to be celebrating her hundredth birthday in 1970, the same year the Northwest Territories celebrates her Centennial.

Greta Keluak is a widow with three of her children alive. She lives with her son Nugyogalik, who now has about eight children - two of his daughters are now married. Mrs. Keluak has been living in Baker Lake since 1958.

Most of her life, Keluak has lived the life of the Eskimo, moving from one place to the next, following game. She recalls the first white man who was a clerk at Coppermine. Coppermine was also the first place where she saw a house.

Keluak also told me of an "ungatkoak" (shaman), who, just by seeing Keluak and her husband, knew where they came from. The man wound a rope and placed it around her shoulders. The rope was to keep all sickness away, if she wore it all the time. Keluak took it off when she became a Christian.

"I am now enjoying the comforts of a house, I only have to go to The Bay for food. I am thankful for everything!" Mrs. Gretta Keluak says.

Community Events & Projects

AKLAVIK

January 31 - Area Snowmobile Race (Heats).
February 21 - Centennial Mackenzie Delta Regional Snowmobile Championship in Inuvik.
February - Centennial Curling Bonspiel.
February 28 - Centennial C.B.C. Search for Talent Competitions in Inuvik.
April 5 - Mad Trapper's Rendezvous.
April 17 - Western Region Dog Sled Mail Run. (Women's Institute are making decorative Dog Blankets for this mail run and are sponsoring two additional teams to escort the mail run to Inuvik).
July 1 - Sports Day.
July 25 - Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.
July 25 - Indian Band will sponsor a meeting of Indians from northern Mackenzie.
July 25 - Eskimo Drum Dance in the evening to welcome visitors expected with canoes.
July 25 - Women's Institute will sponsor a Handicraft exhibit.
July 25 - Community Association plans to restore an old Trading Post to be used as a craft centre and later as a museum.
The construction of an outdoor hockey rink.
Centennial Tree planting by school children and local groups.
Opening of Centennial Library.
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

ARCTIC RED RIVER

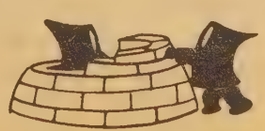
February 21 - Mackenzie Delta Regional Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.
February 28 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Inuvik.
April 12 - Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.
July 23 - Sir Alexandra Mackenzie Canoe Race.
Completion of the Community Hall.
School Fine Arts Program.

ARCTIC BAY

March 19 - Centennial C.B.C. Search for Talent Regional Competitions in Resolute Bay.
April 5 - Church Services.
April 7 - Skidoo and dog team races.
April 18 - Baffin Region Snowmobile Championship at Frobisher Bay.
May 11 - Many boys going out hunting.
May 15 - Church Services.
May 16 - Games for everyone in the community.
May 29 - Games and dances.
June 19 - Summer games.
July 13 - Games for older people.
July 18 - Putting up Inukshuks.
August 3 - More games.
Building a kayak.
Building of an old type Innuit turf house.
Completion of the Community Hall.
School Fine Arts Program.

BAKER LAKE

February 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Search for Talent.
March 5 - Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial Tour.
April 30 - Canadian Armed Forces Centennial Parachute Demonstration.
April (early) - Eastern Region Dogsled Mail Run.
Hair Styling Course.
Common furnace room, washrooms, snack bar and cloak rooms for the library and curling club.
Junior section of Arctic Winter Games.
Exchange of young people with the Young Voyageurs.
Climb a Mountain.
Build an Eskimo house.
Musical Group.
Kayak Building.
Igloo Building.
Komotik Building.
Ice Sculptures.
School Fine Arts Program.
Leadership Conference.



BATHURST INLET

March 1 - Central Arctic Coast Snowmobile Championships in Cambridge Bay.
March 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Cambridge Bay.

BAYCHIMO

March 1 - Central Arctic Coast Snowmobile Championships in Cambridge Bay.
March 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Cambridge Bay.

BELCHER ISLANDS

March 13 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.
Centennial Air Drop of messages, greetings, small gifts.
Centennial Souvenirs Items.
School Fine Arts Program.
Official change of name ceremonies of South Camp to its traditional name Tassiqiuk (meaning image of a lake).

BROUGHTON ISLAND

December 31 - Torchlight parade, Watchnight Service, New Year's Eve Fireworks.
January 1 - Men's skidoo races, evening talent show, New Year's Ball.
March 13 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.
February 6 - Indoor games, Centennial Ball.
March 30 - Spring Games, Spring Prom.
April 18 - Arts and Crafts Fair.
April 19 - Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships at Frobisher Bay.
May 2 - Hudson's Bay Co. Celebrations.
May 18 - 24 Hour Seal Hunt and Seal Skinning Contest.
June 21 - Midnight Weiner Roast.
July 15 - Home-coming Ball Games.
August 31 - Centennial Inookshook.
September 12 - Water Carnival.
October 12 - Thanksgiving Dinner.
November 11 - Special Remembrance Day Service.
December 31 - Fireworks, Torchlight Parade, Watchnight Service.
Student exchange.
School Fine Arts Program.

CAMBRIDGE BAY

March 7 - Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial Tour.
March 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Search for Talent.
April 4 - Central Arctic Coast Regional Snowmobile Championships.
June 22-23 - R.C.M.P. Band Tour.
Student Exchange.
School Centennial Year Book.
Ice Boat.
Street Signs.
Travel Exchange.
Playground.
Centennial Clothing.
Three dimensional models of Centennial symbol.
Tourist Promotion brochure.
School Fine Arts Program.

CAPE DORSET

March 13 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.
April 19 - Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships at Frobisher Bay.
School Fine Arts Program.
The assembly of a complete set of the tools, equipment, clothing etc., associated with the pre-settlement days of days of the Cape Dorset Eskimos.
Every organization in Dorset has a Centennial event planned for the participation of the entire population.

CHESTERFIELD INLET

February 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Baker Lake.
March 9-16 - VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).
April (early) - Eastern Region Dogsled Mail Run.
Ladies group is producing a "Centennial Quilt"
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

CHURCHILL

February 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Baker Lake.
March 5 - Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial Tour.
March 9-16 - VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).
April (late) - Eastern Region Dogsled Mail Run.
July 8 - 16 - National Boy Scout Jamboree.
Churchill Vocational Collegiate.
Students wish to expand their yearbook for 1970.
Eskimo Ballet (Participants from all Keewatin settlements.)
School Fine Arts Program.

CLYDE RIVER

March 13 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.
March 9-16 - VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).
April 19 - Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships in Frobisher Bay.
A movie projector and screen for the Community Hall.
School Fine Arts Program.

COLVILLE LAKE

February 21 - Mackenzie Delta Regional Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.
March 7 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Norman Wells.
July 20 - Exchange visit to Fort Good Hope to take part in Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race celebration.
Moss Teepee - typical of the native housing once used.
Hunting Canoe - Hand built.
School Fine Arts Program.

COPPERMINE

March 9-16 - VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).
March 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Cambridge Bay.
March 27-29 - Easter Carnival.
April 4 - Central Arctic Coast Regional Snowmobile Championships in Cambridge Bay.
July 1 - First of July Sports Day.
July 15 - N.W.T. Day, Students Party, Old Folks Drum Dance.
August 6 - Participation in Franklin Overland Re-enactment Completion Celebrations.
September 7 - Arctic Char Fishing Contest-Picnic at Bloody Falls. Everyone welcome but bring your own boat.
October 31 - All Children's Hallowe'en Party at Community Hall.
November 11 - Centennial Church Service all churches. Remembrance Day.
Fireworks for special Christmas or New Year's Celebrations.
Centennial School Yearbook.
Centennial Community Centre.
Formation of a Drama Club.
Snow houses (tents in summer) as tourist attraction.
Cairn erected where Samuel Hearne first saw the Coronation Gulf.
Improve existing museum.
Local Radio Station.
Gathering of Eskimo Legends.
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

CORAL HARBOUR

February 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Baker Lake.
April/May - Large Canadian Armed Forces Exercise (Viking).
Construction of Community Hall.
Playground.
Collection of Eskimo Games.
School Fine Arts Program.

DETAH

March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships at Pine Point.
March 14 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.
Handicraft Display Centre.
School Fine Arts Program.

ECHO BAY (PORT RADIUM)

March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
March 7 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Norman Wells.
March 19-22 - Centennial Bonspiel with entertainment provided by contestants from C.B.C. Centennial Search for Talent.

ENTERPRIZE

March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
March 19 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Hay River.

ESKIMO POINT

February 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Baker Lake.
March 9-16 - VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).
April 28 - Canadian Armed Forces Centennial Parachute Demonstrations.
April - Eastern Region Dogsled Mail Run.
Soapstone carving of an Eskimo to be erected in the community.
Convert old airstrip into racing track for skidoos.
Community Hall.
Curling Rink.
Eskimo Cultural Development.
Museum, to be built from an old building.
Eskimo Point Post Card.
Eskimo Point Note Paper.
Centennial Book - to tell the story of Eskimo Point.
Centennial Baby Prize - to first baby born after July 15, 1970.
School Fine Arts Program.

EUREKA

The Centennial project of the Meteorological Station in Eureka is an imaginative "Miss Eureka Contest" which they have undertaken in co-operation with British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC). In co-operation with the Captains of BOAC polar flights to Japan, they have made arrangements to talk to the stewardesses by radio. Details of the rules are not yet too clear but presumably contestants will be judged on their radio personalities and such other information as they may see fit to divulge.

FORT FRANKLIN

February 21 - Inuvik Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.
March 1 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Norman Wells.
Youth Travel to Edmonton.
School Fine Arts Program.
April - Trappers Festival-skidoo and dog races. General sports i.e. snowshoe races.
July 1 - Big Celebration - old style fish camp-sod house for Tourists and possible visit to Fort Norman.
July 16 (?) - Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race arrival in Fort Norman. (Exchange visit).
July - August - Jerry Mazer and Lionel Regnier, teachers to build 26' cruiser to travel Mackenzie from Fort Franklin to Fort McMurray.

FORT GOOD HOPE

December 31 - 12 Midnight-Speech by a local youth on Centennial followed by a church service. After church a torch parade to the skating rink for mukluk dance and bonfire.
January 1 - Drum dance and stick gambling by older people.
February - Western Regional Dogsled Mail.
February 14 - Valentine Dance.
February - Bring a group from Inuvik to have a Teen Dance.
February 21 - Mackenzie Delta Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.
February 28 - Crib Tournament.
March 5 - Day for Skidoo racing.
March 7 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Norman Wells.
March 29 - Bake Sale.
March 30 - Children's Sports day and dance.
April 1 - Dog Team Race and Adult Sports Day & Dance.
April 7 - Dogsled Mail Run.
May 11 - Mother's Day Dinner for the Old Timers (Brownies).
May 23 - Bake Sale, May Queen Day & Dance.
June - Community Walkathon, Picnic & Bonfire.
June - Father's Day picnic & bonfire & drum dance.
July 1-2 - Sports Day, Name the Park Contest.
July - Canoe races, ball tournament.
July 20 - Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.
August 15 - A new bell to be raised to start a new 100 years. The bell is now 100 years old. We will ask the Bishop to come bless the bell.
September - Official opening of the Museum and Craft Building, Amateur Show, judging the "Name the Hall" Contest.
October 1 - Community Bingo.
October 12 - Thanksgiving Service.
October 31 - Hallowe'en Dance.
November 11 - Armistice Day Commemorating Service.
December 25 - Christmas Concert and Dance.
December 31 - Torch Parade from skating rink back to church for Midnight Mass.
Washhouse with shower room.
Community Hall.
Swimming Pool.
Restore Old Building for a Museum and Arts and Crafts Centre.
Instruments for a Band.
School Fine Arts Program.

FORT LIARD

March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
March 14 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.
School Fine Arts Program.

FORT MCPHERSON

January 1 - Rifle shooting, Centennial Feast, dances and men's dog race.
January 2 - Women's Institute Feast, women's dog race, Old Time Dance.
January 24 - Local Skidoo Race.
February 9 - 12 Mile Snowshoe Race.
February 14 - Farewell Dance for Dawson Patrol.
February 16 - Dawson Patrol to start 500 Mile Trip to Dawson, Yukon.
February 21 - Mackenzie Delta Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.
February 28 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Inuvik.
March 14 - Fort McPherson "Welcome Wagon" to Dawson City.
March 30-31 - Fitzgerald Carnival.
April - Open and Mixed Bonspiel.
April 14 - Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.
April 15-30 - Local people extend special welcome to visitors with field trips to Delta and mountains by dog team-small charge to cover cost.
May - Exchange visit with Toronto Youth Group.
May 2 - Hudson's Bay Company 300th Anniversary Celebrations.
June 20 - Centennial Bingo.
June 22 - Old Time Football Game.
July 1 - Sports Day And Fleming Hall Feast.
July 2 - Water Carnival.
July 4 - Loucheux Village to be opened 4 miles up Peel River.
July 24 - Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race Celebrations.
August - Special Welcome to Tourists with Boat Trips.
August 8 - Centennial Baseball Game.
September 7 - Labour Day Feast and Celebration.
October 12 - Thanksgiving Service.
November 11 - Special Remembrance Day Service.
December 31 - Night Watch Service to end 1970.

FORT NORMAN

December 31, 1969 - Centennial Bonfire. Centennial Dance.
January 1 - Centennial Drum Dance.
February - Mackenzie Delta Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.
March 1 - Centennial Sports Day - Winter Talent Show.
March 7 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Norman Wells.
April 1 - Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.
May - June - Centennial Breakup Dance.
July 1 - Centennial Sports Day - Summer.
July 16 - Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race and Exchange visit of Fort Franklin.
August 3 - Centennial Day.
October 31 - Centennial Hallowe'en Dance.
November - Centennial Freezeup Dance.
December - Centennial Christmas Party.
December 31 - "Au Revoir" Centennial Dance.
Supper for old Folks.
Skating Rink.
Curling Rink.
Community Centre - In conjunction with Community Society.
Spring Clean Up.
Picnic Site: Clean up, Trail, Etc. 1 or 2 sites.

FORT NORMAN (Continued)

Sign for "Old Fort Point" Original Settlement.
Sign for Fort Norman.
Sports Field - Fastball, soccer, etc.
Bank Sign "Fort Norman, N.W.T." - whitewashed rocks.
Anglican Church - restoration.

FORT PROVIDENCE

December 31 - Bonfire, Dance, Fireworks.
January 1 - New Year's Day Tea Dance.
March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
March - Winter Carnival - sports, races, dance, etc.
March 19 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Hay River.
March 21 - Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.
May - Community Picnic.
July - Treaty Day - Tea Dance.
July 9 - Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race STARTS HERE.
Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.
Unveiling of Historic Site by Her Majesty.
August - Fish Derby.
Centennial Baseball Tournament.
November - Hallowe'en Dance.
December 31 - New Year's Eve Farewell Dance & Fireworks & Bonfire.
Building of a six-man freight canoe to accompany the Flotilla down the river during the Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.
School Fine Arts Program.

FORT RELIANCE

March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
March 14 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.
Stone Cairn with plaque bearing the names of the present residents.
Collection of hunting and trapping stories.

FORT RESOLUTION

March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
March 17 - Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.
March 19 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Hay River.
Canoe Race down the Slave River to Fort Smith.
Completion of the Community Hall.
School Fine Arts Program.

FORT SIMPSON

March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championship in Pine Point.
March - Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.
March 9-16 - VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).
March 14 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.
June 13 - Unveiling Historic Site as the oldest settlement.
July 1 - 15 - Centennial Ball.
Talent Show.
July 12 - Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.
July 13-15 - Summer Invitational Junior Elementary Track Meet.
Art collection by N.W.T. artists only, for display in suitable local public place.
Brochures printed of Native Legends.
Beautification of Town.
Reprinting of "Trapping is My Life" by John Tsetso.
Barbecue facilities, Trailer Park & Camp Grounds.
Improvements to embankment approaching Town.
Museum and Library.
Tidying up town dump.
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

FORT SMITH

December 31 - Midnight Church Service.
January 1 - Pot Luck Feast.
March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships at Pine Point.
March 2-3 - Ice Fishing Derby.
March 9-16 - VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).
March 15 - Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.
March 19 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Hay River.
March 20-22 - Wood Buffalo Frolics.
April 9 - Centennial Penitential Procession.
May 16 - Centennial Walkathon.
May 16 - Weekend Manisphere 99.
June 12 - Unveiling of Historic Site commemorating the Slave River Rapids.
June 16 - Edmonton Police Pipe Band.
June 16-17-18-19 - Olympiada - Athletic, Cultural, General Paradrop.
June 17-18 - R.C.M.P. Band Tour.
July 1 - Centennial Day.
July 8 - Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.
July 19 - Centennial Sunday.
Thanksgiving Service.
Arctic Fly-in.
Youth Centre.
Handicraft Centre.
School Fine Arts Program.

FROBISHER BAY

December 31 - Church Services.
January 1 - Ikaluit Hall Celebrations.
January - Centennial Curling Bonspiel.
February 6 - Open House Adult Education Centre.
February - Trails for Play-offs of Arctic Winter Games.
February 27 - Baha'i Celebrations.
February 28 - FARA Ladies Club Sale.
March - A.E. Competition Best Made Embroidered Mitts.
March 9-16 - VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio)
March 13 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent.
March 27-30 - Easter Celebrations - Ikaluit Hall.
April - Bell Telephone Celebrations.
April 18-25 - Toonik Tymne.
April 19 - Baffin Regional Snowmobile Race.
April 22-25 - Le/The Claude Phillip Show.
April 24 - N.W.T. Centennial Snowmobile Championships.
May 1-2 - Hudson's Bay Company Ter. Centennial Celebrations.
May - Fire Department-Demonstrations.
May - Swimming Gala.
May - Hospital Celebrations.
June - A.E. Sale & Party.
June 27 - Peetakvik Exhibition.
July 1 - Apex Hill Community Association Celebrations.
July 5-6 - Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.
July 19 - Centennial Sunday.
July - Open House - DOT Airport Branch, Telecommunications and Weather Office.
August - A.E. Clam Digging Competition.
September - Rifle Shooting Competition.
October - A.E. Bread and Bannock making Competition.
November - A.E. Most Attractive Parka Competition.
November 11 - Remembrance Day Service.
December - Christmas Bonspiel.
December 31 - Church Services.
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

GJOA HAVEN

March 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Cambridge Bay.
April 4 - Central Arctic Coast Regional Snowmobile Championships in Cambridge Bay.
A new movie projector for the new Community Hall.
Equipment for the community washroom.
School Fine Arts Program.

GRISE FIORD

January 1 - Skidoo Race.
Centennial Feast and Dance.
February 4 - Centennial Valentine Bingo and Dance.
March - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Resolute Bay.
March 17 - Old Eskimo Games.
April 18 - Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships in Frobisher Bay.
May 24 - Seal Hunt and Dance.
June & July - Kayak Building.
July 20 - Kayak Race, Traditional Drum Dance.
August 1 - Centennial Dance.
September 5 - Kabloona Days.
December - Christmas Pageant.
School Fine Arts Program.

HALL BEACH

March 13 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.
April 18 - Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships in Frobisher Bay.
School Fine Arts Program.

HAY RIVER

December 31 - Midnight Opening of the Centennial Arena with dancing, hockey, curling and swimming.
January 15 - March 21 - Ookpik Feather Contest.
March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
March 19 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent.
March 19 - Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.
March 19-21 - Ookpik Days.
March 20 - Snowmobile Race from Yellowknife to Hay River.
School Fine Arts Program.

HOLMAN ISLAND

March 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Cambridge Bay.
April 4 - Central Arctic Coast Regional Snowmobile Championship in Cambridge Bay.
Community Hall.
Souvenir print by Kalvak.
A permanent art exposition in the new Co-op.
A mosaic map of the Holman area.
Reconstruction of an Eskimo Igloo Village.
The erection of an Inukshuk.
Souvenir "Minitigi".
Skidoo repair shop.
Laundry house and equipment.
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenirs.
Publish "The Ulu" an newspaper about Victoria Island and nearby settlements (in English and Eskimo Languages).
Spring Safari by dog teams and snowmobiles to Sachs Harbour.

IGLOOLIK

January 1 - Dance with drum dances first and may last till 2:00 in the morning. Also other games.
March 6 - Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial Tour.
March 13 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.
April 19 - Baffin Region Centennial Snowmobile Race in Frobisher Bay.
May 2 - An old Eskimo game for everyone to have and to take part in and it will be mostly women at that game.
June - People to be in tents and also men to have all caribou clothing on and same with women, and also other games to be played at that time.
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenir items.

INUVIK

January 31 - Centennial Dance.
February 4 - Inuvik Snowmobile Competition.
February 21 - Regional Snowmobile Races.
February 28 - Centennial C.B.C. Search for Talent.
March 9-16 - VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Party).
March 28-29 - Centennial Play.
March 30-April 4 - Top of the World Ski Meet.
April 3-5 - Muskrat Jamboree.
April 19 - Western Region Dogsled Mail Run - Arrives in Inuvik.
May - Lions' Walkathon.
June - Travelling Artists Perform in Inuvik.
June 22-23 - R.C.M.P. Band Tour.
July 3 - Sports Day-Canoe & Kayak Races.
July 6-7 - Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.
July 10-12 - Aviation Council Fly-in.
July 17-19 - Northern Games.
July 27 - Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race Ends.
August - Wild Life Exposition.
Entertainment Group visits Inuvik.
September 4-7 - Klondike Daze Carnival.
October - Arctic Film Festival.
November - Arctic Institute Community Development Conference (Research Lab.)
December - Festival of Delta Drummers & Dancers.
Collection of Northern Native Legends.
Arctic Wild Animal Exposition.
Exchange of drum dancers with other Communities.
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

JEAN MARIE RIVER

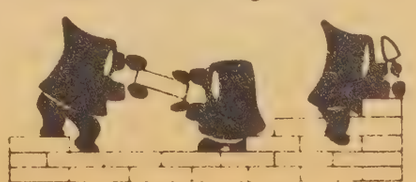
March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
March 14 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.
March 23 - Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.
Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.
Improve Dock and Wharf area.
Clean-up village.
Build camping area for tourists.
Building of two new homes in Jean Marie River.
Skidoo Race from Fort Simpson to Jean Marie River.
School Fine Arts Program.

KAKISA LAKE

March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships.
March 19 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Hay River.
Installation of emergency radio.
Log cabin accommodation for fishermen.

LAC LA MARTRE

March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
March 14 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.
Fishing Lodge.
Air Strip (local).
School Fine Arts Program.



LAKE HARBOUR

March 13 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.
April 19 - Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships.
Summer Games-8 games defined.
School Fine Arts Program.

NAHANNI BUTTE

March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
March 14 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.

NORMAN WELLS

January 1 - Centennial Celebrations.
February 21 - Inuvik Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.
March 7 - Centennial Search for Talent (C.B.C.)
March 9-16 - VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).
March 20-22 - Spring Carnival including Centennial Dance.
April 3 - Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.
May - Welcome sign completion.
July 18 - Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.
August 30 - Picnic Area, Jack Lake, Completion.
October 30 - Outdoor Skating Rink.
Centennial Album, Photos & Commentary.
School Fine Arts Program.

PANGNIRTUNG

January 1 - Watchnight service, five ski-doo races, games, and outdoor, all night dance. Prizes for skidoo races donated by H.B.C., R.C.M.P., & D.I.A. N.D.
February 13 - Return of the sun celebrations, indoor games, and dance.
March 13 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.
March 30 - Easter Monday ski-doo races.
April 18 - Igloo Building race, scrambling under nets, ice sculpture competition, and outside games.
April 19 - Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships in Frobisher Bay.
May 2 - H.B.C. Tercentenary Celebrations.
June 6 - Seal-hunting competition.
July 1 - Foot race up Mount Duval, height 2,000 feet, and Centennial Ball.
August 1 - Rod and line fishing competition.
September 7 - Canoe races.
October 31 - Hallowe'en Dance and fireworks display.
November 11 - Harp-seal hunting competition.
December 26 - Ski-doo races.
December 31 - Dance, games and watchnight services.
Supply furnishing and equipment for the new community hall extension which is to be built in the Fall of 1970.
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenirs.
Types of Games: Ski-doo Races, Seal Hunting Contest, Carving Contest, Ice Fishing Contest, Igloo Building Contest Skinning and Stretching Contest, Harpooning Contest, Bow & Arrow Contest, Bannock Baking Contest, Bonfire Making on Snow Contest, Race to Broughton Island, Skinning & Scraping Seals for Non-Eskimo Women, Ski-doo Treasure Hunt, Seal Net Crawling Contest, Marksmanship Contest, Whip Competition, Sewing Competition, Target Hitting with Stones - For Ladies, Float Making Contest, Tug of War, Igloo Building for Non-Eskimos.

PAULATUK

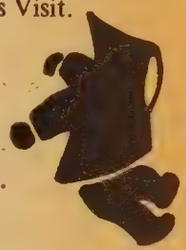
February 21 - Mackenzie Delta Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.
February 28 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Inuvik.
School Fine Arts Program.

PELLY BAY

December 31 - Community Dinner - local food.
Eskimo games and celebrations.
Presentation and reading of Centennial Scroll to community by Administrator Frank Gonda.
Midnight Mass.
January 1 - Skidoo Races - Solomon Akoyuitok - 1st place, Mahahe Noartook - 2nd place.
January 1 - Dog Team Races - Henry Okralok - Winner.
Games and Drum Dance.
March 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent.
April 4 - Central Arctic Coast Regional Snowmobile Championships in Cambridge Bay.
Easter Week - Centennial Talent Show tape to be sent to C.B.C.
July 1 - Sports Day.
July 15 - Fishing Derby (when river opens up).
Expansion of Pelly Bay Lodge to accommodate more tourists.
School Fine Arts Program.

PINE POINT

March 1 - Host Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships.
March 9-16 - VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).
March 18 - Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.
March 19 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Hay River.
July 8 - Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.
July 8 - Indian Princesses Visit.
July - Sports Day.
August - Picnic.
Hallowe'en Party.
Christmas Party.
New Year's Eve Party.
Snowmobile Rally.
Daily Tour of Mines.
Development of a campsite 20 miles from town.
School Fine Arts Program.



POND INLET

February 14 - Fifty mile skidoo race.
February 16 - Building of a 24-foot diameter igloo, fully equipped, old style.
March 13 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.
March - School Fine Arts Program.
March 14 - Sewing competition.
April 15 - Sixty - mile dog team race.
April 19 - Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships in Frobisher Bay.
May 2 - Annual Spring Games.
May 15 - Seal Hunting Competition, with guns.
May 18-20 - Seal cleaning competition.
June 2 - Kayala making competition.
June 22 - Seal hunting competitions with harpoons only.

PORT BURWELL

March 13 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.
April 19 - Baffin Region Snowmobile Championship in Frobisher Bay.
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

RAE

March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
March 9-16 - VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).
March 14 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.
Skating Rink.
Playground.
Swimming pool.
Centennial Post Card.
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

RANKIN INLET

December 26-30 - Rankin Inlet Winter Carnival.
Keewatin Curling Championship Bonspiel.
Eskimo Skill Competition for Arctic Games.
Igloo Building contest.
Rope Gymnastics.
Pine & Ring Game.
Whip Cracking Contest.
Strength in Pulling Contest.
Keewatin Regional Centennial Snowmobile Race.

February 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Baker Lake.
March 5 - Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial Tour.
March 9-16 - VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).
April 29 - Canadian Armed Forces Centennial Parachute Demonstrations.
April - Eastern Region Dogsled Mail Run.
Summer - Summer Festival - Eskimo tents, food, clothing, games and dances.
Recreation Hall.
Production and Erection of a Ceramic Centennial Symbol inside the Recreation Hall.
Promotion of Marble Island as a Tourist Attraction.
Post Card publicizing Rankin Inlet Centennial souvenirs in ceramics and stone.
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

REPULSE BAY

February 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Baker Lake.
March 6 - Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial tour.
Cultural Preservation Centre-a collection of Eskimo songs, legends, games.
Construction of a covered winter skating rink to be used as a greenhouse in summer.
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

RESOLUTE BAY

December 31, 1969 - 10:00 p.m. Mass.
January 1 - 12:00 New Year's Celebrations, games.
February 13 - Ladies Sewing Bee, Ladies Sack Race.
February 16 - Skidoo Race.
March - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent.
March 9-16 - VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).
March 27 - Igloo Building Contest.
April 17 - Wrestling, Hand & Foot Race.
April 19 - Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships in Frobisher Bay.
May 15 - Fiddle & Guitar Contest.
May 29 - Baseball.
June 6 - Five Hour Seal Hunt (Harpoons only).
June 13 - Seal Cutting Contest (men).
Seal Skinning Contest (women).
June 26 - Carving Bee.
July 1 - Target Shooting (prizes on strings).
July 6 - Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.
July 15 - Ladies Five Hour Fishing Contest.
August 21 - Wading Race.
September 4 - Bird Hunting Contest.
October 13 - Blindfold Wives-Husband Finding Contest.
November 11 - Whip Cracking Contest.
December 24 - All night dance.
Community Hall.
Igloo (for tourist attraction).
Construction of an old-time sod smokehouse.
School Fine Arts Program.

SACHS HARBOUR

February 7-8 - Local Skidoo Championship (50 miles).
February 21 - Participation in Regional Skidoo Championships, Inuvik.
February 28 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Inuvik.
March 10-14 - To Arctic Winter Games: Polar Skiers belonging to Territorial Team, Girls.
March 29 - April 4 - Top of the World Ski Championships. Inuvik.
April - Participation in the Beluga Festival at Tuktoyaktuk.
May 1-2-3 - White Fox Jamboree . . . the Big Event of the Year.
Fox skinning and stretching.
Igloo building.
Polar ski races.
Games, etc.
May 15-17 - Fishing and Camping Contest at Fish Lakes.
Spring - Participation in Spring Safari from Holman Island.
June - Sealing Contests by dog team and skidoo.
Summer - Unveiling of Mary Sachs Monument.
Publication of Banksland Story.
July 1 - Sports Day-a grand picnic (without mosquitoes).
Participation in Delta Summer Games-Inuvik.
Seal Hunts on ice floe and Polar Bear Picture taking.
An elaborate Summer Playground
Handicraft and fur displays.
School Fine Arts Program.

SNOWDRIFT

March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
March 14 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.
Washhouse and laundry equipment.
Completion of the Community Hall.
Air Strip (local).
School Fine Arts Program.

SPENCE BAY

March 7 - Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial Tour.
March 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Cambridge Bay.
March 28-30 - Spring Carnival, races, handicrafts dispaly, food - arctic char, muktuk & polar bear. A big snow house will be the coffee shop.
April 4 - Central Arctic Coast Regional Snowmobile Championships in Cambridge Bay.
July - Fishing Contest - prizes for biggest, smallest and most fish.
Summer - A meeting between Spence Bay and Gjoa Haven. People will meet at a place half-way between the two settlements for games, festivities, etc.
Community Hall.
School Fine Arts Program.

TROUT LAKE

March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
March 14 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.
Fisherman's accommodations in the form of single unit log cabin.

TUKTOYAKTUK

January 1 - Centennial Bonfire & Celebrations.
Races, Eskimo Games.
February 21 - Mackenzie Delta Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.
February 28 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Inuvik.
April 18 - 19 - Beluga Jamboree.
July 6 - Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.
July 15 - Centennial Holiday and Beluga Carnival.
Northern Community Adoption Program.
Reconstruction of an old Eskimo house.
Cairn to be erected at Kittigazuit.
August - Eskimo tradition: Big meal on the first whale caught and Canadian Film.
September - Roofing of the Curling Rink and Canadian Film.
October - Eskimo game (Nugluktar) and Canadian Film.
November - Official Opening of the Curling Rink and Canadian Film.
December 31 - Renew same celebrations as that of previous, Candle Parade - including Open Fire, Comments on Centennial Year, Refreshments inside.
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

TUNGSTEN

March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
March 14 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.
Curling Rink.
School Fine Arts Program.

WHALE COVE

December 31 - Candle Parade to Community Hall, including Open Fire, raising of flag and short explanation of Centennial Events, Refreshments inside and dance for everyone.
January 1 - Outdoor activities under leadership of Aliyak and setting up of children's kites.
January 2 - Eskimo legend depicted on tent stage and Canadian Film.
March 21 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Baker Lake.
March - Anaulijag (Eskimo baseball) & Canadian Film.
April - Avatar (Eskimo shipping game).
April - Eastern Dogsled Mail Run.
Football, races for children, Canadian Film.
May - Hiding Day and Canadian Film.
June - Fishing and Hunting Outing and Canadian Film.
July - Canadian Film and laying of the 1st stone for the curling rink.
School Fine Arts Program.

WRIGLEY

January - Community Dinner.
March 1 - Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
March 14 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.
March - Sports Day, Dog Races and Games.
March 28 - Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.
July 14 - Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.
School Fine Arts Program.
September - Completion of Community Hall.

YELLOWKNIFE

December 31, 1969 - Fireworks and Bonfire - Frame Lake.
December 31, 1969 - New Year's Eve Ball (one or more).
January 1 - Ceremonies marking establishment of Yellowknife as a city (Capital City of the N.W.T.)
January 12 - Commissioner's Ball.
February 10-11 - Alberta Senior Curling Playdowns (Seagrams).
February 20-22 - Legion Curling Playdowns.
February 21, 22, 23, 24 - Indian Brotherhood General Assembly.
February - Ukranian Festival.
March 8, 9, 10 - Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial Tour.
March 9-14 - Host to Arctic Winter Games.
March 9-16 - VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).
March 14 - Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent.
March 13-15 - Caribou Carnival.
March 20 - Snowmobile Race, Yellowknife to Hay River.
March 13 - Centennial C.B.C. Search for Talent Yellowknife, local.
March 30 - Centennial C.B.C. N.W.T. Search for Talent Grand Finale.
March 31 - April 2 - Workers Conference, Evangelical Fellowship of the N.W.T.
April 18 - Square Dance Jamoree
May 4, 5, 6 - Gilbert & Sullivan Operatta (Singing North Group).
May 6 - Y.W.C.A. (Centennial) Conference.
May 17/18-17/24 - Two tours by the Vancouver Men's Canadian Club.
May 31 - June 7 - Northern Ophthalmological Congress.
June 9 - Eskimo Arts Council - Sculpture Competition
June 12-15 - Mine Rescue Competition.
June - Visit of Outdoor Writer's Association Group.
June 15 - Visit of Survey 70.
June 19-20 - R.C.M.P. Band Tour.
June 20 - Centennial Italian - Canadian Festival. (The festival will include a concert, dance, barbecue and banquet. A prominent Italian tenor and soprano and the Italian Ambassador have been invited to attend).
June 20 - Edmonton City Police Pipe Band Visit.
June 21-25 - Federal/Provincial Liquor Conference.
June 19 or 26 - Sportsmen's Dinner (Elks).
July 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 - Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.
July 9 - National Indian Princess Pageant.
Competition.
July 6-11 - Canadian Guild of Crafts-Arts & Crafts Finalist's Display.
July 14-19 - Federal/Provincial Wildlife Conference.
July - Public Barbecue and festivities at unveiling of Old Providence Archaelogical Site.
July 22 - D.O.T. Coast Guard Day Display.
July 7-20 - Open Road Campers "Arctic Safari" "Wheels Afield" Caravan.
August 3-6 - Old Timer's Reunion (Mrs. Pritchard, Mr. Olexin.)
Visit of Bush Pilots Memorial Flight.
Hospitality House in Basement of United Church (United Church Women).
Wine and Cheese Party (Chamber of Mines).
Outdoor Topical Revu (Theatrical Society).
Dogsled Rides (Hospital Auxilary).
August 8 - Franklin Overland Re-tracing.
August 15 - Eskimo Arts Council Sculpture Competition. Finalist's Display.
September 8, 9, 10 - Communications Conference.
September 16-18 - Science Council Conference.
November - Canadian Foundation on Alcoholism (12 man Executive).
Edmonton Elks Club Visit.

Travel Programs

GROUP TOURS CENTENNIAL YEAR

Many group tours to the N.W.T. are being planned together with a number of boat tours down the Mackenzie River.

The Open Road Campers Club of America, based at St. Petersburg, Florida, consisting of 35 to 40 units will visit Fort Smith, Hay River, Providence and Yellowknife during the period 5 July to 15 July.

Another caravan, Wheels Afield Recreation Club, Los Angeles, California consisting of approximately 75 units will also visit the N.W.T. during 23 July to 7 August and will follow the same route as The Open Road Campers Club. Wally Byam Caravans will also visit south of the Mackenzie River probably in July.

In addition, there will be a number of tours originating in Montreal. These tours are being programmed to fly over the North Pole and possibly terminate at Edmonton. Enroute there will be stopovers at a number of the communities in the N.W.T.

There are many other tours being planned. Information concerning the details may be obtained through the Tourism Division, Government of the Northwest Territories.

YOUNG VOYAGEUR PROGRAM

A total of 63 students ages 15 - 18 from the Mackenzie, Keewatin and Baffin regions will participate in this youth travel and exchange program in the summer of 1970. Students from each region will travel to a host community in southern Canada and, in turn, northern students will receive southern students in their communities.

Eligible students will be invited to make application to a selection board in their schools. March - April 1970.

The program within the Territories will be administered by the N.W.T. Department of Education.

BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE

The 2nd Arctic and Northern Boy Scout Jamboree will be held in Churchill in July 1970. It is expected that 350 scouts from across the Northwest Territories will attend and the total number of scouts in attendence is expected to be about 1000.

TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Many organizations in the Territories are planning to take advantage of the Department of Secretary of State Travel and Exchange Program for Voluntary Agencies for exchanges of students and others between the Territories and southern Canada.

The Cambridge Bay Public School is planning an exchange with the Dartmouth Boys Club. The Eskimo Ballet is planning an exchange with a high school band in Victoria, B.C. The Yellowknife Lions Club is arranging an exchange between Yellowknife and Edmonton.

These programs will provide a substantial contribution to achievement of the Centennial objective of increasing knowledge of the Territories in southern Canada and in return increasing northerners knowledge of the rest of Canada.

CENTENNIAL RESIDENT TRAVEL PROGRAM

The Resident Travel Program has been designed to foster the Centennial theme of Unity. Its specific objectives are to promote a better understanding of the Territories among its residents, to develop a sense of pride and identity as an essential prerequisite to the future social, economic and political development of the North.

The program will consist of a series of community resident exchanges primarily on an inter-regional basis integrated with an inter-ethnic and inter-cultural grouping.

For funding purposes the program has been sub-divided into blocks each of which is a relatively independent and self-contained unit as follows:

Block 1 - A pilot project which will be an inter-ethnic and inter-cultural travel program between the Keewatin and Mackenzie Regions.

Block 2 - Focus on the Keewatin Region with representatives from all other regions and groupings concentrated at a selected community.

Block 3 - Focus on the Baffin Region. This is similar to Block 2 but concentrated on Frobisher Bay.

Block 4-9 A series of six exchanges between all regions and groupings similar to Block 1 but incorporating the lessons learned from the Pilot Project.

AMPHIBIOUS CRAFT TO CHALLENGE BARRENS

A number of "very light, fast, amphibious and highly maneuverable machines" will be crossing the N.W.T. barren lands to arrive in Yellowknife around the first week in April.

Mr. Tony Lenzini, of Lexington Heights, Michigan, is the Expedition Leader. In Mr. Lenzini's own words - "It is my hope that in some small way we are able to show the world that the Northwest Territories of Canada are not just arctic wastelands. One of the best ways to do that is to get in there with cameras in the winter and bring out proof that even Americans can enjoy the Canadian wilderness."

BAKER LAKE TO YELLOWKNIFE TREK

Early in April a group of ten residents will set off from Baker Lake to travel across country to Yellowknife by skidoo.

The trip is sponsored by the Baker Lake Residents' Association and the ten skidoos will be provided by the Bombardier Company. Fuel caches enroute have been emplaced and the group will carry radio direction-finding equipment and homing beacons.

This overland trek is a daring venture and will be the first time that this route has been traversed cross-country by man and skimobile.

MACKENZIE RIVER RED CROSS SURVIVAL PROJECT

Northern Transportation Barge 211 Fort Providence, Fort Good Hope, Aklavik.

Inaugural Run – Centennial 70.

Serving other communities in succeeding years a floating swimming pool nicknamed "Corky"

Four swimming and safety instructors aboard including two northern boys trained at Sir Alexander Mackenzie School and Grandin College. Visits to above communities will enable many northerners, adults and children to learn the important aspects of water safety and survival.

This is a combined project of the Canadian Red Cross Society, the National Department of Health and Welfare, the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and many other participating agencies along the way.

Starts ice break-up about June 1 to 15.

Ends about August 31.

Historical Re-enactments

CENTENNIAL DOGSLED MAIL RUNS

One of the major events in Centennial Year will be the re-enactment of two historic dogsled mail runs which helped to provide some of the early communication links in the North.

Surviving mail carriers will assist in planning the events and celebrations in their honour will be held in each settlement enroute.

The runs will be conducted in relays from settlement to settlement with each community providing a dog team, sled and driver for its leg of the run.

The first run, the Centennial Western Dogsled Mail Run, will originate in Fort Smith on March 15, 1970 and follow the Mackenzie River route to reach its final destination of Inuvik approximately April 19, 1970.

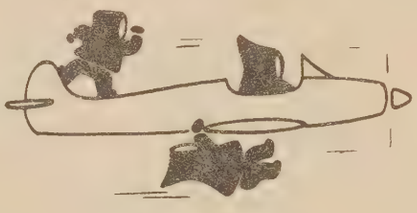
The second run, the Centennial Eastern Dogsled Mail Run, will be held in the Keewatin Region and is planned to begin early April, 1970. The route will be between Churchill, Baker Lake and Chesterfield Inlet.

A limited number of special commemorative covers (envelope size 3 5/8 x 6 1/2 with or without enclosure), will be carried on each run. The attractive cover design, in four colors depicts a typical mail sled, dog team and driver with an inscription to identify the two separate runs.

On arrival at the final destination each cover will be authenticated with a special stamping certifying that the letter was carried on the run and indicating the point of origin and each leg of the journey.

The Canadian Post Office official N.W.T. Centennial Commemorative Stamp will then be affixed and the letter mailed to the subscriber or to the Centennial Center, Government of the Northwest Territories through the post office at the end of the run.

The Centennial Stamp is in two colours and is a reproduction of a famous soapstone print entitled the enchanted owl, by a Cape Dorset artist.



DAWSON PATROL

Eleven dog teams from Fort McPherson will follow the historic R.C.M.P. route from Fort McPherson to Dawson, Yukon. The journey will commemorate all the R.C.M.P. patrols between Fort McPherson and Dawson.

Extract From Inuvik "The Drum"

"The Dawson Patrol is getting ready for the long trip by dog team between Ft. McPherson and Dawson approximately 500 miles.

Old time winter clothing are being made out of Caribou skin. These are clothing long forgotten by us, and it will be quite an experience to see how the old timers dressed when going on trips of this nature.

My father (Charlie Stewart) was police patrol guide 1910-12. Also my husband Rev. James Simon guided the police patrol. This is why the Dawson patrol interests me very much.

The old timers now living are very excited over the Dawson Patrol, and would do anything to be part of the patrol, but they know what the trip is like, it's a hard, cold and tiresome trip.

Trails will have to be broken, and recut in many places since the trails have not been used for years now.

It's a trip of trial, to separate the men from the boys.

It should be very exciting and full of experience.

And I think these men should be commended on their venture, to challenge the life of our ancestors."

The Dawson - McPherson runs were discontinued with the advent of the aircraft in the North but the men of those patrols, the Indians that guided them and the dramatic stories still told about them, will forever remain foremost in the annals of Arctic Travel.

Opening ceremonies in Fort McPherson will be held on February 16. A gala reception has been organized in Dawson for their arrival on March 14 by Dawson City and the Yukon Government.

BUSH PILOTS RE-ENACTMENT FLIGHT

Another special contribution to the N.W.T. Centennial by the City of Edmonton is the Bush Pilots Re-enactment Flight.

Two vintage bush planes will be sent on a barnstorming tour from Hay River to Yellowknife and along the Mackenzie River to Inuvik. Former bush pilots and members of the Quarter Centry Club will take part in the tour.

One of the planes is a Stinson Reliant being refurnished by Tundra Technical Industries Limited and the other is a reconstructed Fairchild Model 17 owned by George Lemay of Calgary. The tour will begin in Yellowknife on July 9 carrying three former bush pilots in snoopy helmets. They will stop enroute at Hay River, Fort Providence, Fort Good Hope and Finally arriving in Inuvik on July 10. At each stop the members in the planes will rotate from among 12 to 16 members of the Quarter Century Club.

It is also hoped to carry "Franked Mail" and wherever possible other communities enroute will be visited.

CANON TURNER MEMORIAL TRIP

This event will commemorate the earlier travels of Canon Turner. The event will originate in Pont Inlet on March 23 and will be carried out by dogsled, visiting Igloolik Moffat Inlet, Arctic Bay and return to Pond Inlet. Cairns enclosing memorial tablets will be erected at each centre.

FRANKLIN OVERLAND RE-TRACING

DESCRIPTION

Eric Morse with 11 Barrenland Voyageurs will retrace Sir John Franklin's overland journey to the Arctic Ocean.

The canoe party will split at Fort Enterprise, half proceeding to Coppermine, the other half to Yellowknife.

DATES

July 18	Ceremonies at Obstruction Rapids
August 6	Arrive Coppermine
August 7	Arrive Yellowknife

Entertainment Programs

CARNIVALS AND JAMBOREES

Throughout the Territories communities are planning to expand their many colourful annual Carnivals and Jamborees to ensure that our Centennial Year will be remembered for many years to come.

Toonik Tymne in Frobisher Bay, a colourful week-long festival which this year will also include the Baffin Regional and the N.W.T. Championship Snowmobile Races.

The three day Keewatin Winter Carnival held in Rankin Inlet, bigger and better than ever before. Wood Buffalo Frolics in Fort Smith, a three day event including traditional and other activities of all kinds.

Ookpik Days in Hay River, Mad Trapper's Rendezvous in Aklavik, White Fox Jamboree in Sachs Harbour, the Beluga Carnival and the Beluga Jamboree in Tuktoyaktuk, Klondike Daze in Inuvik, Ptarmigan Carnival in Fort Resolution, and the Caribou Carnival in the Capital City of Yellowknife and many, many others.

For exact dates of these events turn to Page 5 (Community Events and Projects).

C.B.C. CENTENNIAL SEARCH FOR TALENT

The Centennial C.B.C. Search for Talent Program had been designed to encourage participation and involvement of all N.W.T. communities in the performing arts.

The program consisted of judging the best community entries at a series of regional shows which was taped by C.B.C. staff for subsequent broadcast.

The first and second place winners were eligible to compete in a territory-wide Grand Finale Show to be held in Yellowknife.

A talent show was held in each of the following host communities: Inuvik, Norman Wells, Hay River, Cambridge Bay, Resolute Bay, Baker Lake, Frobisher Bay, Yellowknife.

These shows were open to entries from all communities in that area. For purposes of the competition, each community was assigned to a particular region. Trophies were provided for the first, second and third place winners of the regional competitions.

The first and second place winners of each regional show were eligible to participate in the Grand Finale and were provided with transportation to, as well as meals and accommodation in Yellowknife. Prizes for the winners at the Grand Finale were as follows:

First - $300.00 and a trophy
Second - $200.00 and a trophy
Third - $100.00 and a trophy

Dates for the regional shows were the responsibility of the host community, but had to be completed before March 22, 1970. The Grand Finale was held in Yellowknife on the 30th of March, 1970 with a rehearsal scheduled on March 29th, 1970.

C.B.C. CENTENNIAL CONCERT PARTY

By special arrangements between the C.B.C. and the Department of National Defence, a large scale concert party headed by Miss Canada was entertained in Inuvik on February 6 and Yellowknife on February 7.

The local Centennial Committees in each case had undertaken responsibility for the hall, billeting of the entertainers and staff.

LE/THE CLAUDE PHILIPPE SHO'

A touring Musical and Comedy Variety Show organized by Claude Philippe of Montreal in co-operation with Nordair and the N.W.T. Centennial Center will tour Frobisher Bay during Toonik Tymne from 21 - 25 April, 1970 and present performances 22, 23, 24 and 25 February.

The entertainers are outstanding radio, T.V., and stage personalities from the Montreal area who have donated their time free as their own Centennial project. They are also producing a record of N.W.T. Centennial music and songs written and performed by the group.

"CENTENNIAL 70" PROGRAM

Tune in each week to C.B.C. Radio's "Centennial 70" beginning Friday, January 2. Consult C.B.C. for regional schedules. For CFYK listeners, the time is 7:03 p.m.

THE CITADEL-ON-WHEELS

Another special contribution to the N.W.T. Centennial by the City of Edmonton is to convert the Edmonton Citadel-On-Wheels into a Theatre-On-Wings for a two week tour of Inuvik, Norman Wells, Hay River, Fort Simpson, Fort Smith and Yellowknife.

The Theatre-On-Wings is primarily aimed at school children and will afford them an opportunity to participate actively in theatre.

Adults will, however, not be forgotten and will be engaged in the evenings.

The tour will be carried out in the period April 27 to May 17.

R.C.M.P. BAND TOUR

The R.C.M.P. Band will tour a part of the Mackenzie Region as one of their contributions to Centennial '70.

Their itinerary is as follows:

Fort Smith	-	June 17 and 18.
Yellowknife	-	June 19 and 20.
Inuvik	-	June 21 and 22.
Cambridge Bay	-	June 22 and 23.

NOTE: If circumstances permit they will also perform in Hay River.

CENTENNIAL FISHING CONTEST

A territorial-wide fishing contest will be held May 1 to October 1, 1970. Winning trophy entries based on witnessed weights in local derbies may be entered at the territorial level which will provide trophies to the top fisherman in each category.

The contest will be rod and reel only, and the categories are Arctic Grayling, Lake Trout, Arctic Char and Great Northern Pike.

CENTENNIAL OBJECTIVES

To foster "UNITY" among all the peoples of our Territories.

To develop an awareness of our "PASTS" and the sharing of our "FUTURE".

To encourage Canadian awareness of a "NEW POLITICAL REALITY" in the North.

To promote increased "KNOWLEDGE" of the Territories as "CANADA OF THE NORTH".

Cultural Programs

ESKIMO BALLET "AKSALIYAK"

Another first in the Territories is the development of an Eskimo Ballet under the direction of Miss Helene Gagne. The dances include children and young people from every community in the Keewatin Region.

The name Aksaliyak was chosen because of its meaning which is Northern Lights. Northern Lights appears to the human as a kind of mysterious power having an infinite repertory of heavenly ideas. This is the beauty of the dance.

The value of a gesture is that it is unique. It can never be reproduced because it depends on the inspiration of the dancer and his state of mind at the time he does the gesture. The dancer does not express himself with words. His body becomes his way to transmit his mind.

The broken line and the circle symbolize the situations which the twentieth century Eskimo has to face. The curve symbolizes the slow and regular rythmn of the Nomad who lives with the Time and Seasons, his peace and also the beauty of his country.

Then there is the Eskimo who takes pride in the new way of life; customs, and is brought to the confusion of modern life. The goal is to bring harmony in this human, belief in tradition while going towards the new world. This idea can be obtained by knowing ourselves.

This dance will simply show the beauty of the northerners, while being a way of education for the students of Central and Eastern Arctic.

In addition to various Northern Tours it is expected that the ballet will be presented in Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria. They will also present a special performance for Her Majesty, The Queen during the Royal Visit to Frobisher Bay.

KEEWATIN PHOTO STORY DESCRIPTION

Local residents of Keewatin settlements will record on 8mm film, the physical features, the cultural and social life of their own communities.

These local films will then be combined, edited and circulated throughout the Keewatin and the rest of the Territories. Each community will be supplied with the necessary 8mm film.

NATIONAL INDIAN PRINCESS PAGEANT IN YELLOWKNIFE

Canada's National Indian Princess Pageant will be held in Yellowknife, July 6 to 9.

The Northwest Territories was chosen at a national meeting in Winnipeg in January, not only due to our Centennial but because many of the Indian delegates had never been north or even seen Eskimos and were enthusiastic at the possibility of both.

The time of the pageant will coincide with the Queen's visit to Yellowknife and a member of the Royal Family has graciously accepted the honour of crowning the winner of the National Indian Princess contest.

In addition to being crowned and receiving a large number of gifts, the winner receives a trophy in the form of a feather. The feather is an Indian symbol of achievement.

Nine Canadian provinces and both Territories are expected to enter candidates. The contestant for the N.W.T. will be chosen in late June or early July.

Five Indians, one white and one Eskimo will serve as judges. At present only girls of Indian ancestory are eligible but it is hoped to eventually change the pageant from "Indian" to "Native" so that Eskimo girls can qualify.

In addition to beauty, contestants are judged on their poise, talent, knowledge of Indian customs and language.

FORT SIMPSON STAGES NORTHERN ART COLLECTION

The Fort Simpson Community Club and the Thomas Simpson School have planned a joint venture that entails the collecting and displaying of Northern Art.

The groups intend to display the collection in the Community Centre and the School in order that the collection can be appreciated by the entire community and visitors.

Donors contributing works of art will have their names on inscribed plates affixed to the display. The Fort Simpson Community Club will supply any further information to interested parties.

NORTHERN COMMUNITY ADOPTION PROGRAM

The basic concept of this program is the adoption of northern communities by selected interested communities in Southern Canada.

The objectives are to encourage increased knowledge of the North in Southern Canada by direct interchanges between communities. If there is sufficient interest this program will be developed beyond 1970.

MANISPHERE 99

Manisphere 99 have offered to sponsor a travelling art exhibit of some 25 - 30 paintings to tour the North in Centennial Year. The tour is planned to take place in April and May 1970 and every effort is being made to have the show visit all interested communities.

In addition to providing the paintings, Manisphere has offered to provide all freight and insurance charges as their contribution to our N.W.T. Centennial.

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS

This program will be operated under the Department of Education in co-ordination with the Centennial Center. The program will involve every student in the Territories from Grade 1 to Grade 12 level including vocational courses. The program consists of:

Essay Contests of an historical or cultural nature.

Project Contest for occupational and vocational students. Projects will whereever possible, use an historical theme.

Collection of Folklore, Games & Legends - Students are encouraged to collect folklore, games and legends for the Centennial Anthology to be produced by the Departments of the Territorial Secretary and Information Services.

Centennial Medallion - Each student will be supplied with a medallion free of charge. However, the distribution will be worked into the overall school programs to provide incentives for competition submissions, etc.

School Closing Ceremonies - Special ceremonies will be held at the end of the school year marking the purpose and historic background of our Centennial. Each school will receive a copy of the historic transfer document through which the Northwest Territories was created.

ESKIMO ART COMPETITION FOR N.W.T. CARVERS

The Honourable Jean Chrétien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has announced that an Eskimo sculpture competition will be held in the Northwest Territories this year.

This contest is being organized by the Canadian Eskimo Arts Council as its contribution to the Territorial Centennial Celebrations. The successful Eskimo sculptors will share $4,000 in prize money, donated by the National Museum of Man which is represented on the Arts Council.

Administrative costs of the competition will be borne jointly by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

The Canadian Eskimo Arts Council is an advisory body consisting of distinguished artists, museums and gallery experts, art critics, collectors and dealers appointed by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to advise him and Eskimo artists on quality control and marketing from southern Canada and the Northwest Territories.

The competition, which is the first to be held on such a scale in the north, will be open to all Eskimos residing in the Northwest Territories. Competing artists may submit two works and materials must be either stone, bone or ivory, or a combination of these.

Preliminary selection will be made by members of the Eskimo Arts Council at Frobisher Bay, Cape Dorset, Rankin Inlet and Baker Lake, and they will carry out final judging at Yellowknife where the selected works will remain on exhibition throughout the Centennial season.

INDIAN ARTS & CRAFTS COMPETITION

The Indian Brotherhood of the Northwest Territories is planning a territorial Indian Arts and Crafts Competition as their contribution to Centennial year.

Details are still in the planning stage but it will include traditional and contemporary divisions. It is hoped to conduct regional competitions and a final competition and exhibition in Yellowknife in July.

Subsequently, the leading entries may be entered in a special Northwest Territories division in the Canada wide Canadian Guild of Crafts Exhibition and Competition to be held in Montreal on November 17, 1970

DIOCESE OF MACKENZIE PROJECT

As a project of the Roman Catholic Diocese of the Mackenzie, His Excellency Bishop Paul Piché, O.M.I. advises each of the Oblate missionaries of the Diocese has been asked to outline the history of his mission area. As the work is completed the various reports will be published.

Bishop Piché has also been invited to Fort Good Hope this summer. Fort Good Hope residents will be removing a hundred year old bell from the Church and replacing it with a new bell. Bishop Piché is to bless the new bell: a Centennial blessing for a new bell to begin a new hundred years.

ESKIMO POINT LAUNCHES CULTURAL PROGRAM

The project began in Eskimo Point mid-October of 1969, and is presently slated to carry on through to May or June of 1970.

The crux of the program is based on a committee of hunters in Eskimo Point training the boys to live on the land successfully.

As soon as the most severe winter weather is over the boys will make trips with the hunters to practise the skills they have learned and learn trail lore as well.

To ensure that the boys are adequately clothed on the trips, the local ladies groups are making some suits of caribou clothes that will be loaned to boys who need them. Parents are being encouraged to make clothes for their own boys, however, so they will be able to go out on their own.

The program has been approved by the Regional Superintendent of Schools with lessons being held on Friday afternoons. Later the boys will be allowed a few days off school for their hunting trips.

In addition to hunting and trapping on the land the boys are being taught other skills of cultural value. When needed, the hunters' committee has the support and assistance of the Adult Education Centre and the Eskimo Point Residents' Association.

It is hoped that the program will be continued in future years.

PUBLICATIONS

A Centennial publication by Rev. Ray Price on the human history of Central and Eastern Arctic. Eskimo Legends of many generations by Father Mettayer, O.M.I. Women of the North - a colorful book about outstanding women by Helen Burgess. The Banksland Story - history of Banks Island written by local residents.

A collection of northern folklore, games and legends submitted by interested communities. A special collection of the histories of Roman Catholic missions in the Territories. Each mission will prepare its own story with final collation and editing under supervision of the Bishop of the Mackenzie.

PROJECT SURNAME

The Commissioner of the N.W.T. has designated Project Surname as an important Centennial project under the direction of the Territorial Secretary. The central objective of the project is the eventual elimination of the disc number system of identification for our citizens of Eskimo origin and its replacement with the surname system as used for all other Canadian citizens.

The Project Director is Mr. Abe Okpik. The program was initiated in January, 1970 and, although it is hoped to complete the major part of the program in Centennial Year, the final completion will probably be in 1971-72.

CENTENNIAL FLYING FILMFESTIVAL

Approximately 12 northern film packages will be compiled as a collaboration project by the National Film Board, N.W.T., Department of Education and the Centennial Center. These packages will be made available to N.W.T. communities for showings in conjunction with local Centennial celebrations or events.

Brochures, including the films available in each package, will be provided to all communities.

ARCTIC FLY-IN INUVIK BOUND

This year, 1970, will witness the North's first Fly-In. On July 10, 11 and 12 the Inuvik Aviation Council will sponsor the first Fly-In North of 60. The occasion marks, not only N.W.T. Centennial but also the official opening of Inuvik's In-town Airstrip.

The Fly-In has already attracted a large number of hopeful participants. Pilots from as far away as Texas and New York states have applied. It is expected that at least fifty aircraft will attend the Fly-In.

Regulations concerning those hoping to fly in are such that anyone carrying the proper survival gear and having sufficient experience to navigate in this type of country is eligible. Since Inuvik can accommodate both wheel and float equipped aircraft of all sizes, it is expected that a wide variety of planes will be present.

As is the case with every Fly-In, a number of events are planned. In addition to the customary events such as aircraft judging and fly pasts, guests at this Fly-In will be treated to a caribou and arctic char barbecue, as well as demonstrations of northern games and flying excursions to a number of excellent fishing areas.

And, while the anglers are away trying their luck those at home will be entertained by an airshow put on by our local pilots and members of the Armed Forces Search and Rescue Squadron.

While in the Mackenzie Region it is expected that many of the visiting pilots will make side trips into surrounding settlements.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The Arctic Institute of North America plans to hold a conference on northern community development in Inuvik in November 1970. Delegates will be international experts in the field of community development in northern nations.

NORTHERN COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE

Foremost experts in the field of communications will attend a Northern Communication Conference in Yellowknife, September 8 and 9. The conference will focus its attention on modern developments in the field of northern communication.

For this reason the Inuvik Aviation Council in co-operation with the Centennial Committee in Inuvik, has requested the assistance of all peoples in the N.W.T. to welcome the Centennial Flyers.

SPECIAL RADIO NETWORK ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

The voice of Prime Minister Trudeau reached thousands of residents of the Northwest Territories in an historic special Centennial radio network broadcast from Yellowknife, January 1.

The pre-recorded Centennial Year opening message from the Prime Minister was followed by a live broadcast of Centennial messages from Northern Development Minister Chrétien, Bud Orange, N.W.T. Member of Parliament, N.W.T. Commissioner S.M. Hodgson and the mayor of Yellowknife, which was proclaimed the first city in the N.W.T. earlier in the day.

The special network committee headed by Harold Brown, Manager of C.B.C. Station CFYK in Yellowknife, estimated the broadcast reached more than 90% of N.W.T. communities, through a combination of C.B.C. standard broadcast and shortwave facilities, CNT and Trans-Canada Telephone System lines as well as amateur radio station VE8NWT Yellowknife.

Amateur operators throughout the North made their equipment available for reception of the program in their communities linking 25 amateur radio stations throughout the 1,300,000 square mile Territories, with the C.B.C. broadcast.

In his message to the southerners, the Prime Minister indicated it was unfortunate that it was not possible that every Canadian could see the vast expanse of the Territories.

He alluded to Akaitcho, the Indian Chief who served as a guide for Sir John Franklin and encouraged young people to take pride in the accomplishments of their ancestors.

In many communities, residents gathered in community halls, private homes or other buildings to hear the messages and interpreters were present to translate the greetings into Indian or Eskimo dialects.

It is hoped to use these same networks for a special broadcast to the people of the Northwest Territories from Yellowknife by Her Majesty The Queen on July 9, 1970.

CENTENNIAL SYMBOL

The Centennial Symbol is circular in design depicting three figures in black on a white field. The figures are encircled by blue lettering on a white background with the words "NORTHWEST TERRITORIES –CENTENNIAL 1970".

The three figures in black are portrayed with "linked hands" to reflect out Centennial Theme of "UNITY". The figures represent the three broad geographic regions of Franklin, Mackenzie and Keewatin as well as the three major ethnic groups, Eskimo, Indian and other Canadians who live and work in the Territories.

CENTENNIAL SOUVENIR LICENSE PLATES

Centennial Center has
1970 CENTENNIAL SOUVENIR LICENSE PLATES

In the shape of a Polar Bear, numbered 000 A collectors' item. Five dollars each. Certified cheques or money orders payable to the Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories.

THE OFFICIAL CENTENNIAL MEDALLION

A Northwest Territories Commemorative Centennial Medallion has been struck with the Centennial symbol on one side and the Northwest Territories' coat of arms on the other side with the words "Northwest Territories Canada" encircling the crest and "1870–1970" on each side of the coat of arms.

Enquiries for the medallion from OUTSIDE the Northwest Territories should be directed to:

The Sherrit Mint,
FORT SASKATCHEWAN, Alberta,

or

Mayfair Jewellry and Coin Company,
10450 Jasper Avenue,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Enquiries for the medallion from INSIDE the Northwest Territories should be directed to:

Wholesale: Centennial Center,
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

(Cheques or money orders made to Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories)

Retail: Any Northern Retailer.

Price	Bronze	$ 2.00 each
	Silver	$15.00 each

Bronze medallion is packaged with the history of Centennial '70. Silver medallion is packaged in a presentation box.

THE EVE OF CENTENNIAL

All across the Northwest Territories, people rang in Centennial Year with prayers and celebrations.

Fort Smith's buffalo burgers, bonfire, fireworks and midnight church services were typical of southern Mackenzie Centennial Eve observances.

Broughton Island, on the Baffinland east coast, held a torchlight church service. All the lights switched off at Whale Cove, on the west coast of Hudson Bay, and each resident carried a candle to the Community Hall where it was lighted in a demonstration of united effort. Old buildings and refuse from a community clean-up fed the Fort Simpson bonfire.

Hay River staged a spectacular opening of its Ben Sivertz Arena.

About 5 p.m., the Hon. Jean Chrétien arrived in the Territorial Capital of Yellowknife. He joined N.W.T. Commissioner Stuart Hodgson and Yellowknife Mayor Fred Henne in a bonfire lighting, fireworks display and a torchlight trail ride by snowmobile.

Four Centennial Eve dances were held in the Capital and a Centennial Eve reception was held for the Minister at 11 p.m.

CENTENNIAL BLASTOFF FOR HOLMAN ISLAND

The traditional blast of shot-guns and rifles welcomed in the New Year. Added to this was a vivid display of sparklers carried by excited children. A dance and feast followed at the school for the greater part of the night.

On New Year's Day, the big race of the holiday took place. This was a dog-team race over a rugged inland course extending about thirty-five miles. Seven dog teams were entered. Most had nine to eleven dogs. In this part of the Arctic, they are hitched in landem with a lead dog out front.

It was daylight when they took off, but quite dark when they returned. Alan Joss came in first to win $50.00. He was followed by Walter Olifi winning $35.00 and George Okheena third to take $25.00.

Races had been held every day during the holiday. On Christmas Day, George Okheena won the first prize of $25.00, Maurice Neglyak was second, and David Avilingak, a nine year old boy was third.

In women's races, Mabel Kapotaoum was first, A. Nanogak second, and R. Kivikhak third. In the men's races with women passengers, Alan Joss was first, Maurice Niglyok second, Walter Olifi third.

RIFLES, FIREWORKS & DOG TEAMS

Approximately 300 people gathered along the river bank to watch the Centennial Bonfire usher in year 1970 in Fort McPherson.

Many of the McPhersonites brought the Centennial New Year in with a "bang", not only with the usual 30-30 variety but also with hundreds of dollars worth of fireworks ranging from sparkle sticks to mini-rockets which sent showers of brilliant colors up 100 feet or more.

Many individuals were still celebrating New Year's Eve on New Year's Day and as a result the Centennial Dog Team Race was one hour late in starting. As this is Centennial Year, Fort McPherson put on a Centennial Purse of $100.00 to be divided among the three top finishers in the race.

This year each participant was charged a $5.00 fee which was to be part of the total purse. As there were 22 entrants the total money exceeded the Centennial Purse by $10.00.

George Niditchi from Arctic Red River won the first prize of $50.00.

Neil Colin of McPherson won the 2nd prize which was worth $35.00 and Abe Koe Jr. from Fort McPherson won 3rd prize money of $25.00. In all it was a very successful Centennial Dog Team Race.

Chrétien's Visit

On Sunday, January 3rd, a dark sky and high wind made the landing of the DC-3 with government guests a hazardous venture. Flare pots would not stay lit. As the plane kept circling all skidoo owners roared onto the airstrip and lit up the landing area with their headlights.

Northern Affairs Minister Chrétien and Commissioner Hodgson as well as Bud Orange the N.W.T. M.P. spoke briefly to the Holman people at a meeting in the school. After a visit to the Holman Co-op and cup of tea, the visitors were once again safely sent on their way by the co-operation of the people, in lighting the strip with skidoos.

CROWDS JAM ARENA IN HAY RIVER

They could have used two arenas to hold the crowd which swarmed to the grand opening and dedication of the B.G. Sivertz Sports Center New Year's Eve.

As estimated 2,000 persons were in the building for the opening ceremonies, entertainment and dance. So great was the crowd that many never did get to see the events in the arena portion of the building, but had to be satisfied with munching hot dogs and drinking pop or canned beer in the lobby until the dance got underway on the ice surface.

Mr. Sivertz said the naming of the sports centre after him was one of the greatest honours which could have been bestowed on him.

An Indian drum dance got the evening off to a lively start.

The general public was invited to join in, and about 200 did.

Exhibitions of baton twirling, firgure skating and hockey followed, with a highlight of the evening being the appearance of the Hay River Centennial Choir, under the direction of Bob Jackson.

The Hay River choir has made a long-play recording of Centennial songs, and the song "North of Sixty" has been declared the official Centennial song by Commissioner Hodgson.

CENTENNIAL LEAD OFF IN KEEWATIN REGION

Centennial drama was previewed in the Eastern Arctic December 26 - 29 at Rankin Inlet's spectacular Winter Carnival.

Dazzling snow, crunching cold air and bustling people involved in multi events were the components of Centennial magnificence at the dawn of 1970.

Curlers, snowmobile racers, and traditional games competitors gathered here from the eight Keewatin settlements. Aircraft skimmed onto runways constantly delivering competitors and officials.

After being taxied by trucks, visitors with baggage and curling brooms, snowmobiles and game supplies were delivered to residents homes, then they registered at the school for the big 4-day event.

The results are now history, but people of the Keewatin are still talking about those that won, and those who almost made it. It was a brilliant send-off for Centennial Year!

Competitive Events

FIRST ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

The First Arctic Winter Games will be held in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, March 9 - 14, 1970.

The elimination trials leading up to the Games will take place between January 31 and February 1. The Northwest Territories will host the trials in the communities of Inuvik, Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Hay River, Baker Lake and Frobisher Bay.

In the Yukon, the trials will be held in Whitehorse. Alaska will hold its trials in Fairbanks, Juneau and Ketchican.

The Northwest Territories will have 850 athletes competing in the trials, the Yukon 500 athletes and Alaska 1,200 American athletes competing to qualify for the Arctic Games.

The 750 Arctic athletes at the Games, composed of whites, Indians and Eskimos, will hold competitions in ten sports and some eighty separate events, such as badminton, basketball, boxing, curling, figure skating, hockey, shooting, cross-country skiing, table tennis, and volleyball. Each sport will include junior and "open-age" categories.

Winners will receive Arctic Games medals in the form of miniature "ULU"s in gold, silver and copper, bearing the three interlocking circles of the games' symbol.

Traditional Indian and Eskimo games will be featured as demonstrations during the Arctic Games. Rich in culture, these will include the ring and pin game, the whip contest, harpoon throwing, seal hook throwing, drum dancing and many other authentic native contests.

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau will open the First Arctic Games in Yellowknife on March 9.

HAM OPERATORS CONTEST

The Yellowknife Centennial Amateur Radio Club in conjunction with other ham operators in the N.W.T. have organized a VE8 Q.S.O. party as part of their Centennial activities.

Certificates will be awarded to the top scorer in each ARRL section and country with a trophy to the leading "OUTSIDE" station. The party will be held March 9 - 16 during the Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife.

A special Centennial Ham Radio Station, VE8NWT, has been established in Centennial Center, Yellowknife, to assist in communications throughout the Centennial Year.

TOP OF THE WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS MARCH 29 - APRIL 6

Ski enthusiasts from 51 ski nations of the world have been invited to the Top of the World Ski Championships in Inuvik this year.

The Northwest Territories Cross-Country Ski Association, The Test Program, the Inuvik Ski Club, and the Canadian Ski Association, sponsors of the project, have extended a friendly welcome to all F.I.S. affiliated National Associations officials and competitors.

International press and national Television crews will cover the event as the world's top cross-country skiers vie for honours 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Mr. Bjorger V. Pettersen, Box 1651, Inuvik, is the Tournament Chairman.

NORTHERN GAMES JULY 70

Inuvik will host the first Northern Games on July 17, 18, 19 this summer. Participants are expected from across the N.W.T., Yukon and Alaska.

Most of the traditional Eskimo and Indian games and customs are not widely known or practised today.

The preparations for the Games and the events themselves will remind many of the old contests of strength and skill that are part of the cultural heritage of the Northern peoples.

These competitions, demonstrations and exhibits this summer will be one of the most fitting highlights of the Territorial Centennial celebrations. The dances, stories, crafts, garments and games of the North are a rich legacy. Many of these will be featured in July at this uniquely Northern gathering.

The Centennial observances across the north include many interesting community proposals, athletic competitions and commemorative projects.

The Inuvik Northern Games Association is planning this festival as an occasion that will complement all these events and also serve to emphasize the special character and identity of the native people of the Northwest Territories. The history and folklore of the Northern peoples are fascinating and exciting.

The Northern Games Association, Box 1184, Inuvik, N.W.T., would be pleased to receive enquiries from anyone interested in the project.

SNOWMOBILE CHAMPIONSHIP

LOCAL EVENTS

Every community is invited to hold local snowmobile races. A book of rules and regulations has been issued to all communities.

Local courses are flexible to allow for differing conditions in each community.

Two winners from each community will be eligible to enter the regional races and transportation will be provided. Communities may wish to provide prizes for the local races.

REGIONAL EVENTS

The Keewatin regional race will be held at Rankin Inlet, December 27 - 28, 1969. The Fort Smith Regional Race will be held in Pine Point, March 1, the Central Arctic Coast Regional Race in Cambridge Bay on April 4, the Inuvik Regional Race in Inuvik February 21, and the Baffin Regional in Frobisher Bay on April 18.

FINAL EVENT

The N.W.T. Centennial Championship Race will be held in Frobisher Bay during Toonik Tymne in the last week of April. Transportation will be provided for the first and second place competitors from each of the five regional races. The final will be 100 miles in length, run in 5 mile laps.

Prize money - $1,600.00 to be divided as follows:

1st Prize	$700.00
2nd Prize	300.00
3rd Prize	200.00
4th Prize	150.00
5th Prize	100.00
6th Prize	75.00
7th Prize	50.00
8th Prize	25.00

TRACK MEET SET

An Elementary Track Meet to include competitors from Fort Smith, Hay River, Yellowknife, Pine Point and Inuvik, has been slated for Fort Simpson for July 13 to July 15, 1970.

The meet will include bantam, midget and juvenile competitors events in sprints, races up to 1,500 meters, high jump and long jump.

The Department of Education has pledged financial support to the project and final planning is underway.

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Dawson Patrol Re-enactment
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ELEVEN DOG TEAMS LEAVE FORT MCPHERSON

An avenue of Centennial Flags provided the starting point at Fort McPherson for the colorful take-off, February 16, of the Dawson Patrol. Specially selected guides and drivers wore traditional caribou parkas made by the women of Fort McPherson. The eleven dog teams were decked in beaded blankets and colorful pom poms.

Opening ceremonies honoured three surviving members of former patrols, Mr. Andrew Kinnizzie, Mr. Louis Cardinal (over 90 years of age) and Mr. Ronnie Pascal.

The official delegation consisted of Mr. Jim Whelly, General Manager of Centennial Center representing Commissioner Stuart M. Hodgson, Inspector Clare Dent, of Inuvik Sub/Division R.C.M.P. representing Commissioner W. L. Higgitt of the R.C.M.P. Ottawa and many local and visiting dignitaries cheered the teams in a spectacular send-off.

This first major Centennial event was chosen by the Loucheux people of Fort McPherson to create an awareness of the many triumphs and tragedies of the past, which is one of the expressed objectives of Centennial '70.

All members of the Patrol are residents of the Fort McPherson area. The Patrol leader is Keith Billington and Chief Guide is Andrew Kannizi. Other members are Bill Antaya, William Vittrekwa, Fred Vittrekwa, George Robert, Thomas Koe, Abe Koe, Jim Vittrekwa, William Teya and Abe Venaltsi.

TWO HISTORIC DOGSLED MAIL RUNS

-East and West re-enacted in Centennial Year.

Drama of the past, which helped to link the north's early communications, will be re-created by Centennial Eastern and Western Dogsled Mail Runs to begin simultaneously, March 15. Surviving mail carriers will be honored by events and celebrations along the routes as the mail runs will be made in relays from settlement to settlement.

The Centennial Western Dogsled Mail Run will originate in Fort Smith and follow the Mackenzie River route to reach its final destination of Inuvik on or about April 12.

The Centennial Eastern Dogsled Mail Run will originate simultaneously at Baker Lake and Chesterfield Inlet also on March 15, to merge at Rankin Inlet and continue south to Churchill. This run will commemorate the early R.C.M.P. journeys from Fullerton, near Chesterfield Inlet to Churchill and from Baker Lake to Churchill.

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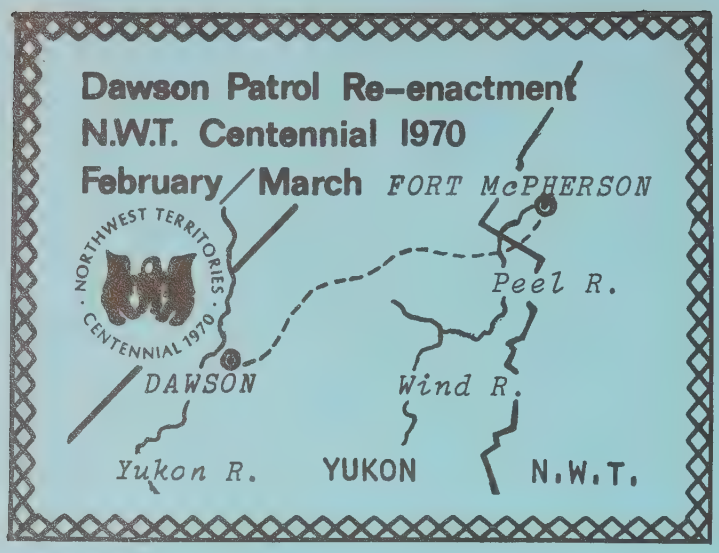


Caches of dog food have been placed along the route and the R.C.M.P. Inuvik Sub/Division will be providing general air cover.

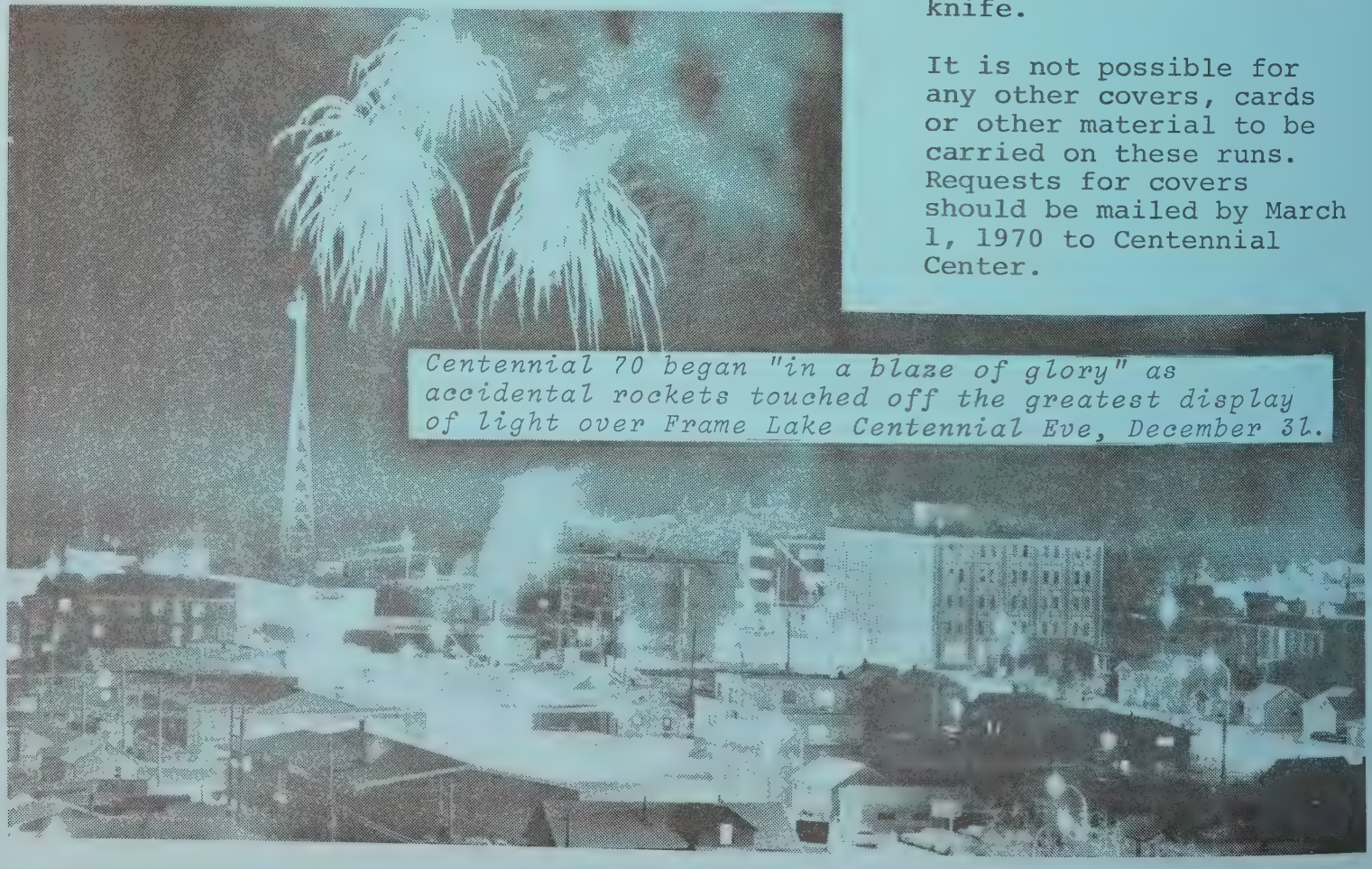
Welcome ceremonies will be held at Dawson, headed by Mayor Fabian Salois, an official delegation from the Commissioner of the Yukon, the Dawson Recreation Association as well as Chief John Tetlichi representing Commissioner Stuart M. Hodgson. Depending on weather conditions, the party should reach Dawson, Yukon about March 10, and their friends back at Fort McPherson and Inuvik have already planned a charter to greet them in Dawson.

(Dogsled Mail Runs)

Only special commemorative covers will be carried on each run, duly authenticated with special stamping certifying the letter was carried on the run indicating each point along the journey. The covers will carry the N.W.T. official Centennial commemorative stamp.

To subscribe to these runs, persons must - specify which starting point they wish covers to leave from. -send a certified cheque or money order for $3.00 for each cover to Centennial Center, Yellowknife and made out to "The Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories." -Give instructions as to whether the covers be addressed to the addressee or to Centennial Center. In the latter case the cover will be mailed to you in a separate envelope after arrival in Yellowknife.

It is not possible for any other covers, cards or other material to be carried on these runs. Requests for covers should be mailed by March 1, 1970 to Centennial Center.



Centennial 70 began "in a blaze of glory" as accidental rockets touched off the greatest display of light over Frame Lake Centennial Eve, December 31.

AKLAVIK - The calendar for this community is now complete and approved by the Aklavik Centennial Committee. D. J. MacWatt, Chairman, reports:

January	31	Snowmobile Race (Heats)	(C)
February	7	Snowmobile Race (Finals) to select representatives to contend in Regional Championship.	(C)
February		Centennial Curling Bonspiel.	(C)
April	5	Mad Trapper's Rendezvous.	(C)
April	17	Western Region Dog Sled Mail Run. (Women's Institute are making decorative Dog Blankets for this mail run and are sponsoring two additional teams to escort the mail run to Inuvik.)	(P)
July	1	Sports Day	(C)
July	25	Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.	(P)
		Indian Band will sponsor a meeting of Indians from northern MacKenzie.	(P)
		Eskimo Drum Dance in the evening to welcome visitors expected with canoes.	(P)
		Women's Institute will sponsor a Handicraft exhibit.	(P)
		Community Association plans to restore an old Trading Post to be used as a craft centre and later as a museum.	(P)
		The construction of an outdoor hockey rink.	(C)
		Centennial Tree planting by school children and local groups.	(P)
		Opening of Centennial Library.	(C)

NORTHERN FOLKLORE, GAMES & LEGENDS

You will recall that in previous Newsletters we mentioned that the N.W.T. Government was prepared to publish an Anthology of Northern Folklore, Games and Legends. This Anthology will be based entirely on contributions by interested communities and will be credited to the contributing community. It will also be made available to the Deparment of Education for use in planning future school curriculum.

To ensure that publication can be completed in Centennial Year, planning the layout, size, etc. should begin as soon as possible. Therefore, we urgently need to know which communities are planning to contribute and a rough outline of the subject areas to be included.

Please write to the Centennial Center as soon as possible. All contributions are welcome.

ARCTIC BAY - Completed Centennial plans include variety for everyone in this community according to Centennial correspondent D. Naketaruik:

April	5	- Church Services
April	7	- Skidoo and Dog Team Races.
May	11	- Young boys' hunting trip.
May	15	- Church Services
May	16	- Community games for all residents.
May	29	- Games & Dances
June	19	- Summer Games
July	13	- Games for older people.
July	18	- Putting up Inukshucks.
Aug.	3	- Games Day

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES
CENTENNIAL
FASHION SHOW

A glimpse of Canadian Arctic Producers "Best" from Frobisher Bay. Only one of many northern fashions to be featured in Arctic Winter Games - Centennial Fashion Show - "Fantasy In Fashion" Producer Mrs. Heather Pritchard, Director, Mrs. Joanne Wilde.

Centennial Year CBC Concert Tour sponsored by the Department of National Defence perform at Inuvik Feb. 6 and at Yellowknife Feb. 7 at the Public School - both concerts free of charge to the public.

Master of ceremonies, well known Edmonton personality Ernie Poscente brought forward headliners such as Miss Canada - Julie Maloney. The Tommy Banks orchestra, The Three Steiner Brothers of Winnipeg, Alfie Myer and Don Evoy in a Western Act. Gwen Westcott, Dixieland singer, Elan Stewart, pop singer, Evelyn Quaif, Rock singer and others.

The show was produced by Duncan R. McKerchar of CBC Edmonton.

Fort McPherson's Centennial committee has an unusual problem. At a recent meeting for volunteers for the Dawson Patrol 22 men and 5 women asked to be included. There's only room for 10! Centennial enthusiasm is a bit too much at times!

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Band in Ottawa is rehearsing a special song - "North of Sixty" - our official Centennial song!

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PELLY BAY - Many events for Centennial have taken place in Pelly Bay and there's more to come. Here's the record:

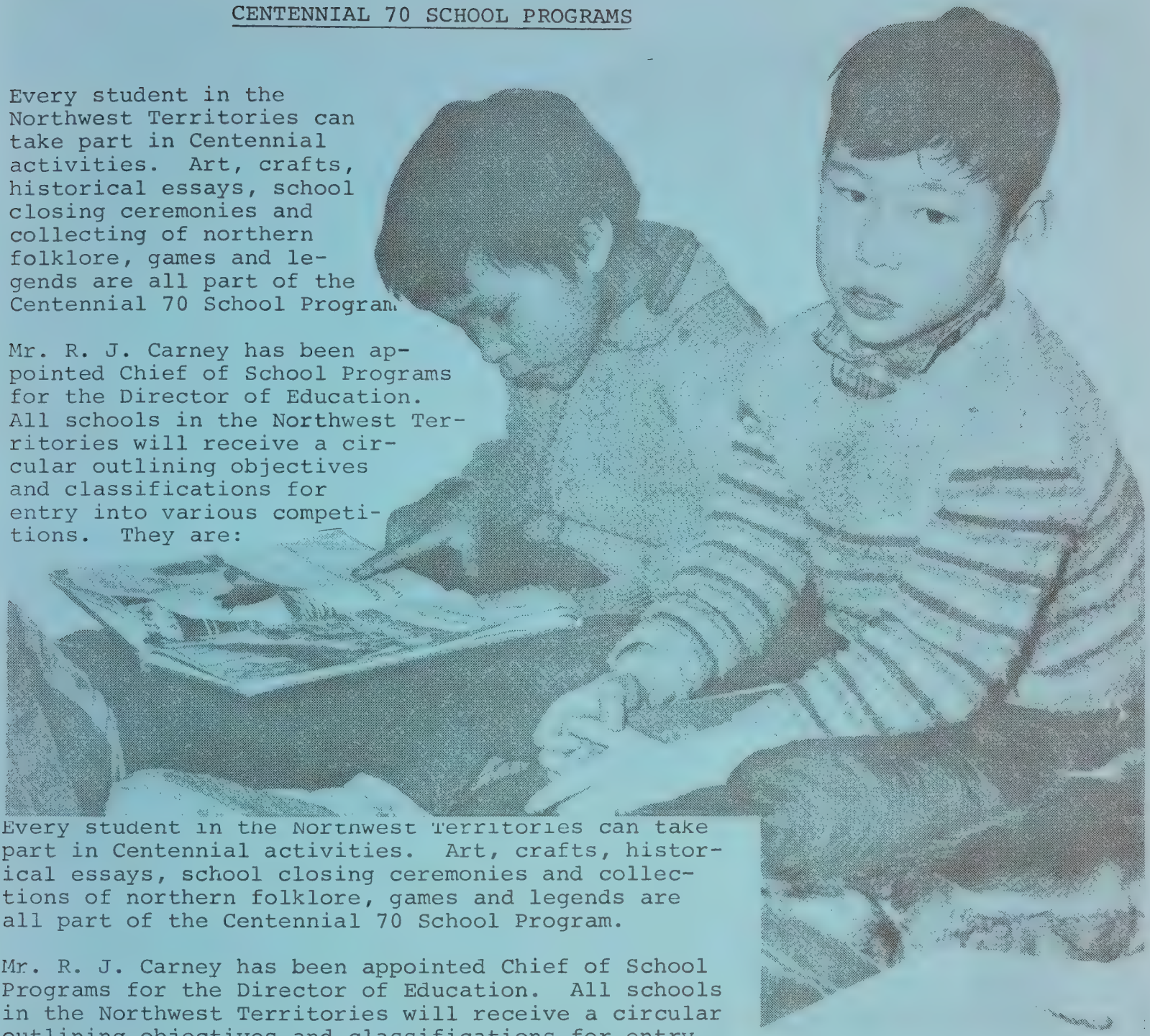
December	31	- Community Dinner - local food.
		- Eskimo games and celebrations
		- Presentation and reading of Centennial scroll to community by Administrator, Frank Gonda.
		- Midnight Mass.
January	1	- Skidoo races - Solomon Akoyuitok - 1st place Mahahe Noartook - 2nd place.
		- Dog Team Races - Henry Okralok - Winner.
		- Games and Drum Dance.
Easter Week		- Centennial Talent Show (concert) tape to be sent to C.B.C.
July	1	- Sports Day.
July	15	- Fishing Derby (river opens up).

N.W.T. CENTENNIAL SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM

This program got underway in the Keewatin Region just before the start of Centennial Year. Local races were all completed in time to send their representatives to Rankin Inlet for the Keewatin Regional Race. This race was conducted on December 28, 1969, as one of the major events during the Keewatin Winter Carnival. It was an outstanding success. Incidentally, the course was laid out to emphasize skill rather than horsepower. This was obviously successful in that the winner used an 18 h.p. skimobile.The remaining three regional races and the final N.W.T. championship race will be hosted as follows:

Inuvik Region	-Inuvik on February 21,1970.
Fort Smith Region	-Pine Point on March 1,1970.
Baffin Region	-Frobisher Bay at the start of Toonik Tymes, April 18-25, 1970.
N.W.T. Championship	-Frobisher Bay at the end of Toonik Tymes, April 18-25, 1970.

CENTENNIAL 70 SCHOOL PROGRAMS



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ART AND NORTHERN CRAFTS - PRE-SCHOOL TO GRADE IX

DEADLINE	March 15.
CATEGORIES -	Group 1 - Kindergarten (Pre-School) Grades I, II, III: Group 2 - Grades IV, V and VI; Group 3 - Grades VII, VIII and IX in the five educational superintendancies (Smith, Yellowknife, Inuvik, Keewatin and Frobisher.)
PRIZES -	First, second and third prizes of $15.00, $10.00 and $5.00 respectively in each group by April 10, after which Territorial winners for each group will receive first, second and third prizes in the amounts of $20.00 $15.00 and $10.00 respectively, on or about May 8.

CBC SEARCH FOR TALENT

- The Best for Centennial '70

The finest of Northern entertainers for Centennial 70 will be chosen through a special program designed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in co-operation with Centennial Center.

CBC Centennial Search For Talent dates will be announced on all northern CBC stations shortly. The contest ends in a Grand Finale at Yellowknife, March 30.

Designed to encourage participation among, all communities in the Northwest Territories, each community will be assigned to a particular region. Competitors may enter only one regional competition. Communities hosting regional shows will be responsible for all aspects except for CBC production and recording staff.

Trophies will be provided for first, second and third place winners, who will each receive $300.00, $200.00 and $100.00 respectively.

Dates for regional shows are the responsibility of each host community but must be completed before March 15, and co-ordinated between the host community and the host CBC station.

All residents of the N.W.T. may enter one regional show. Rule books will be available from all Area Administrators, Centennial committees and CBC stations. All performing arts will be welcomed but the maximum group entry for the Grand Finale will be limited to four persons due to the high cost of transportation. Larger groups may enter local - regional competitions, however, where they will be recognized.

The following host communities and host CBC stations are listed for Search For Talent participation:

HOST COMMUNITY		HOST CBC STATION
Inuvik	February 28	CHAK
Norman Wells	March 7	CHAK
Hay River	March 7	CFYK
Cambridge Bay	March 21	CFYK
Resolute Bay	Undecided	CFYK
Baker Lake	February 21	CHFC
Frobisher Bay	March 13	CFFB
Yellowknife	March 14	CFYK

Only first and second place winners from each region qualify for the Grand Finale and each must attend a rehearsal on March 29 at Yellowknife to prepare for the Finale March 30.

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   Coral Harbour
   Holman Island
   Baker Lake
   Repulse Bay
   Cambridge Bay
   Pangnirtung

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RANKIN INLET -

RANKIN INLET WINTER CARNIVAL

-A Centennial Splash-

Centennial drama was previewed in the Eastern Arctic December 26-29 at Rankin Inlet's spectacular Winter Carnival.

Dazzling snow, crunching cold air and bustling people involved in multi events were the componets of Centennial magnificence at the dawn of 1970.

Curlers, snowmobile racers and game competitors gathered here from eight settlements. Aircraft skimmed onto runways constantly delivering competitors and officials.

After being taxied by trucks visitors with baggage and curling brooms, snowmobiles and game supplies were delivered to residents homes, then they registered at the school for the big 4 day event.

The results are now history, but people of the Keewatin are still talking about those that won, and those who almost made it.

Centennial Newsletter writers are proud to publish the results of this gala event, a brilliant send off for Centennial Year!

CENTENNIAL STAFF OFFICER APPOINTED TO CABINET POST IN OTTAWA

One of the first members of Centennial Center's staff, Miss Marion Hooge, Staff Officer, left Yellowknife for Ottawa, February 21. She has been appointed Special Assistant to the Honourable Otto Lang, Minister of the Wheat Board in Ottawa.

While Miss Hooge's associates and co-workers will miss her for the excellent contributions she has made to the success of Centennial 70 planning and implementation, they are proud of the recognition given her by being assigned to this important post.

As a member of the Minister's personal staff, she will be conducting research, corresponding with constituents in the west and travelling between Saskatoon and Ottawa on matters pertaining to the Minister's portfolio.

Miss Hooge took an active part in community organizations in the year and a half she resided in Yellowknife. Centennial Newsletter's report to her many associates throughout the Territories about her appointment is a report of pride for those who knew her and we wish her every success.

COLLECTION OF NORTHERN FOLKLORE, GAMES & LEGENDS

Students throughout the Northwest Territories can assist in this project by sending submissions to Centennial Center, Yellowknife.

DISTRIBUTION OF CENTENNIAL MEDALLIONS

Every student in every school in the Northwest Territories (also Churchill, Manitoba) will receive a Centennial Medallion free of charge.

Further details on above programs may be obtained at every school in the Northwest Territories.

SCHOOL CLOSING CEREMONIES

To commemorate the marking of the passage of the Ordinance in Council by the House of Commons in London, England, June 23, 1870 which granted to the Dominion of Canada, Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory.

Centennial Center will, upon request make available copies of the transfer document to become the property of the school after the ceremoney.

ESSAYS - GRADES X - XII

DEADLINE - Same as for Arts and Crafts.
CATEGORIES - One group only Grades X to XII
PRIZES - Same as for Arts and Crafts.

Essays should be of an historical or cultural - not necessarily Centennial theme but related to one of the objectives of Centennial "an awareness of our pasts," or not more than five 8 1/2"x 11" pages, single spaced, in the students own handwriting.

A group of native children from Fort Rae re-enacting "the old days" for Centennial photo.

PROJECT CONTEST - VOCATIONAL TRAINING STUDENTS

DEADLINE - Same as for other competitions.
CATEGORIES - All Territorial students enrolled in occupational and vocational training programs.
PRIZES - Same as for other competitions.

Students in this contest are encouraged to submit projects in the form of models, sculptures, carvings, or other objects of wood, metal, stone or paper. Fabrics, recipies, sewing or special dishes can be entered from Home Economics students.

All entries become the property of the Government of the Northwest Territories and may be used for exhibition purposes.

CAPE DORSET - Reports indicate enthuiasm for Centennial as these officers were elected in keen competition by private ballot:
Oshweetok - Chairman,
Udjualuk - Secretary,
Kanginak - Treasurer.

Chairman of the Community Council Ashevak, presided at a meeting which was packed to the doors for the January 1st broadcast. The Commissioner's speech was read as well as the Proclamation. Both were interpreted. The Hon. Jean Chretien's speech was not received.

Some Centennial projects being planned are:
*Assembly of tools and equipment of early Cape Dorset Eskimos.
*Hopefully, the success of raising money will determine larger community hall and sports complex.
*Commissioning of some major piece from one or more carvers in the community. To remain the property of the whole community.
*Each organization is being asked to plan an event in which outsiders can participate.

NOTE TO COMMUNITIES:
Any stories concerning mail runs, historical information, interesting old timers, etc., would be welcomed by Centennial Center. Write anytime so we can "spread the word" Centennial Year!

FORT GOOD HOPE - Centennial Calendar for this community is extensive:

Dec.	31	12 Midnight - Speech by a local youth on Centennial followed by a church service. After church a torch parade to the skating rink for Mukluk Dance and Bonfire.
Jan.	1	Drum Dance and Stick Gambling by older people.
Feb. - Mar.		Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Norman Wells.
Feb.		Western Regional Dogsled Mail Run.
Feb.	14	Valentine Dance.
Feb.		Bring a group from Inuvik to have a Teen Dance.
Feb.	21	Mackenzie Delta Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.
Feb.	28	Crib Tournament.
Mar.	5	Day for skidoo racing.
Mar.	29	Bake Sale.
Mar.	30	Children's Sports Day and Dance.
Apr.	1	Dog Team Race & Adult Sports Day & Dance.
Apr.	7	Dogsled Mail Run.
May	11	Mother's Day Dinner for the Old Timers (Brownies.)
May	23	Bake Sale, May Queen Day & Dance.
June		Community Walkathon, Picnic & Bonfire.
June		Father's Day Picnic & Bonfire & Drum Dance.
July	1-2	Sport's Day, Name the Park Contest.
July		Canoe Races, Ball Tournament.
July	20	Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.
Aug.	15	A new bell to be raised to start a new 100 years. The bell in the church is now 100 years old. We will ask the Bishop to come bless the bell.
Sept.		Official opening of the Museum and Craft Building, Amateur Show, judging the "Name the Hall" Contest.
Oct.	1	Community Bingo.
Oct.	12	Thanksgiving Service.
Oct.	31	Hallowe'en Dance.
Nov.	11	Armistice Day Commemorating Service.
Dec.	25	Christmas Concert and Dance.
Dec.	31	Torch Parade from skating rink back to church for Midnight Mass.
		Washhouse with shower room.
		Community Hall.
		Swimming Pool.
		Restore Old Building for a Museum and Arts & Crafts Centre.
		Instruments for a band.
		School Fine Arts Program.

ESKIMO POINT - Boys in this community will learn to live off the land in a special Centennial project entitled *Eskimo Cultural Development. Sanctioned by the Superintendent of schools with help from the Adult Education Centre and the Residents Association, hunters and fathers will train the boys in a program that is to be continued in the future. Special skills will be taught on actual trips. Their clothing of caribou will be made by parents and ladies groups.

Other Projects Are:

*Construction of a Community Hall in the summer of 1970;
*Museum - a building purchased from the R.C.M.P. to be remodelled;
*Centennial Book - The story of Eskimo Point in school yearbook form to be ready in June;
*Replica of Eskimo carving to replace lifesize carving;
*Eskimo Point color postcard;
*Eskimo Point notepaper designed.
*Centennial Baby - first baby born after July 15, 1970;
*Spring Sports Day and Fair with Eskimo games.

IGLOOLIK - An active Centennial Committee in this area consists of Joanesie Uyarak, Aggak Aipilik, Francis Iannaroluk, Elizabeth Iatigat, Rose Erkadliyuk, Agatha Tungak, Allereak and George Aggiar. The latter has been in hospital in Toronto and it is hoped he is back for Centennial participation in these planned events:

May 2 - Old Eskimo game, mostly for women.
April - Canon Turner Commemorative Trip ceremonies.
June - People dressed in all caribou clothing, living in tents and participating in special games.
July -(proposed 16th)- R.C.M.P. Band Tour.

PANGNIRTUNG - The very first report from this community announces another Centennial committee for the Centennial 70 roster:
Chairman -Jim Kilabuk
Vice-Chairman-Elijah Kenainak,
Secretary -N. Wilford,
Treasurer -Peteroisie Karpik,
Members -Ipelee Kilabuk, Aksayook Etuangat, Kooviuk Natsiapik, Charlie Akpalialuk.

Their accomplishments for 1970 are:
-Supply furnishings and equipment for a new community hall to be built in the fall.

-Jim Kilabuk placed a large urn at H.B.C. Store for $1.00 donations for their Centennial projects, with a book to record doners. The urn is to be opened shortly.
-Grant application ready to apply for Centennial grant. They have already raised $35.00 from Centennial flag sales.

Jan. 1-Watchnight Services and five skidoo races.
Feb. 13-Return of the sun celebrations, indoor games, and dance.
Mar. 30-Easter Monday ski-doo races.
Apr. 18-Igloo building race, scrambling under nets, ice sculpture competition and outside games.
May 2-H.B.C. Tercentenary Celebrations.
June 6-Seal-hunting competition.
July 1-Foot race up Mount Duval, height 2,000 feet, and Centennial Ball.
Aug. 1-Rod and line fishing competition.
Sept. 7-Canoe Races.
Oct. 31-Hallowe'en dance and firework display.
Nov. 11-Harp-seal hunting competition.
Dec. 26-Ski-doo races.
Dec. 31-Dance, games and watchnight service.

Centennial Souvenir Licence plates are for sale at $5.00 each as collector's items at Centennial Center, Yellowknife. All cheques must be made payable to "The Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories."

FORT FRANKLIN - Plans for Centennial Year include sports and personal projects:

Feb. - Mar. -Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Norman Wells.
Feb. 21 -Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.
Youth Travel To Edmonton. School Fine Arts Program.
Apr. -Trappers Festival, skidoo and dog races, general sports, i.e snowshoe races.
July 1 -Big Celebration -old style fish camp -sod house for tourists.
July-Aug. -Jerry Mazer and Lionel Regnier, teachers to build 26' cruiser to travel Mackenzie from Fort Franklin to Fort McMurry.

The first day of Centennial was the day chosen for the hamlet of Inuvik to be named a town by His Worship Mayor Richard M. Hill.

SPENCE BAY - Outline of Centennial activities and projects from James Eetoolook, Chairman of the **Centennial** Committee: PROJECTS - Community Hall, Broadcasting Station and Post Office.

EVENTS - Social meeting and games between residents of Spence Bay and Gjoa Haven to meet between the two communities. -Spring Carnival March 28-30 welcoming tourists and guests from Yellowknife and Gjoa Haven. -July fishing contest for biggest fish, smallest fish and the most fish.

FORT NORMAN - Complete Calendar of Events includes variety for this community:

Dec.	31,1969	Centennial Bonfire. Centennial Dance.
Jan.	1	Centennial Drum Dance.
Feb.		Mackenzie Delta Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.
Feb. - Mar.		Centennial C.B.C. Regional Search for Talent in Norman Wells.
Mar.	1	Centennial Sports Day - Winter Talent Show.
Apr.	1	Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.
May-June		Centennial Breakup Dance.
July	1	Centennial Sports Day - Summer.
July	16	Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.
Aug.	3	Centennial Day.
Oct.	31	Centennial Hallowe'en Dance.
Nov.		Centennial Freezeup Dance.
Dec.		Centennial Christmas Party.
Dec.	31	"Au Revoir" Centennial Dance.

Supper for old folks.
Skating Rink.
Curling Rink.
Community Centre - In conjunction with Com. Soc.
Spring Clean Up.
Picnic Site - Clean Up, trail, etc. 1 or 2 sites.
Sign for "Old Fort Point" Original Settlement.
Sign for "Fort Norman".
Sports Field - Fast Ball, soccer, etc.
Bank Sign "Fort Norman, N.W.T." - whitewashed rocks.
Anglican church - restoration.

CENTENNIAL REGIONAL SNOWMOBILE RACE - KEEWATIN

This race was run over an 8-mile course for 12 laps for 100 miles. The weather at 30 below with a 20 m.p.h. wind combined with the speed of the vehicles resulted in a wind chill in excess of 100 degrees below zero.

Winners were congratulated by J. A. Creery, Regional Administrator representing Commissioner S. M. Hodgson and presented with cheques by Jim Whelly, General Manager of Centennial Center, Yellowknife:

1st - Phillip Nukkapiak, Rankin Inlet	$500.00	(merchandise)
2nd - Paul Kablutsiak, Eskimo Point	250.00	(cash)
3rd - Samson Epkanak, Coral Harbour	100.00	
4th - Tommy Misheraler, Whale Cove	75.00	
5th - Josephy Tirieaneayk, Whale Cove	50.00	
6th - Francis Nanorak, Repulse Bay	25.00	

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES CURLING RESULTS

Two teams eligible, one mixed and one junior boys.

A & B Event, Round-Robin Affair

A Event Winners: - Rankin Inlet Team - Skip - Peter Kadlak; Third - John Tatty; Second - Emelda Kadlak; Lead - Theresa Kusugak.

B Event Winners: - Rankin Inlet Team - Skip - Anthyme Kadjuk; Third - Bruce Bowers; Second - Matilda Sulurayok; Lead - Eva Nukkatak.

In the A Event Coral Harbour was second with two wins and one loss. Eskimo Point was third with one win and two loses. Baker Lake was fourth with three losses.

In the B Event Eskimo Point was second with two wins and one loss. Baker Lake was third with one win and two losses and Coral Harbour was fourth with three losses.

The Grand Winner was the Anthyme Kadjuk Rink beating Peter Kadlak in an extra end.

Junior Boys - The Churchill Vocational Center Team skipped by Thomas Owlijut, Third - John Owlijut; Second - Robert Naukatsik; and Lead James Evasar.

The following winners were of Eskimo Games and Skills:
1st - David Tukturdjuk, Repulse Bay, Rope Gymnastics.
2nd - Mikitook Bruce, Coral Harbour, Rope Gymnastics.
1st - Kooksuk, Whale Cove, Whip Cracking.
2nd - Tokomerk, Baker Lake, Whip Cracking.
1st - Tautugni, Whale Cove, Ayayark.
2nd - Guy Amaruk, Chesterfield Inlet, Ayayark.
1st - Jack Anguk, Whale Cove, Feats of Strength.
2nd - Samson Ipkarnark, Coral Harbour, Feats of Strength.
1st - Mariano Aupilardjuk, Peter Kratoka, Repulse Bay, Igloo Building.
2nd - Johnny Tugak, Honore Itigaitok, Whale Cove, Igloo Building.

WHALE COVE - The Centennial Committee members newly appointed in this community are Father Papion, Attuat, Kalujack, Towtoone and A. Gaudet. P. Balt is the liaison officer.

Discussion revolved around these events:
Showing of Canadian movies.
Depicting Eskimo life in a stage play.
Teaching of Eskimo games to children.
Adding a verse in Eskimo to "O Canada".
Holding a candle parade.
Designing a crest.
Entries to Keewatin Winter Festival.

The complete schedule is to be outlined when all plans are firm.

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3. Description — **Official Centennial Medallion**

4. Specifications

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999 Fine Silver	**16.5**	**254**	**32**	**1.26**

5. Design

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Obverse die: **H. O. Kratz**
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News Editors - Across Canada - U.S.

Last Fall, we contacted you to announce we would be sending you releases about Centennial 70 in the Northwest Territories.

Since that time, Centennial plans have gone through several changes in development. Centennial Center, here in Yellowknife is not equipped for the release of regular information the way we had hoped to present it to all southern media. We find, instead, a need to rely on National services such as the Canadian Press and the C.B.C. for interim release of information.

However, it is our plan to keep you posted on our program in the event there are aspects to Centennial you especially wish to feature. Therefore, we hope the enclosed information will be of value to you in making plans for future coverage of our events.

It is our hope you will review our year long agenda as outlined herein and let us know if we can be of assistance in events or projects you are most interested in reporting.

Should you plan to visit the Northwest Territories, may we caution you to make reservations early. If you let us know you are coming, we will do all we can to help. Contact Miss Aileen Ellis, Public Relations Co-ordinator, 873-2731, or write to Centennial Center, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Thank you for any considerations given to Centennial 70 through your interests in more personal reporting of our activities.

Jim Whelly,
General Manager,
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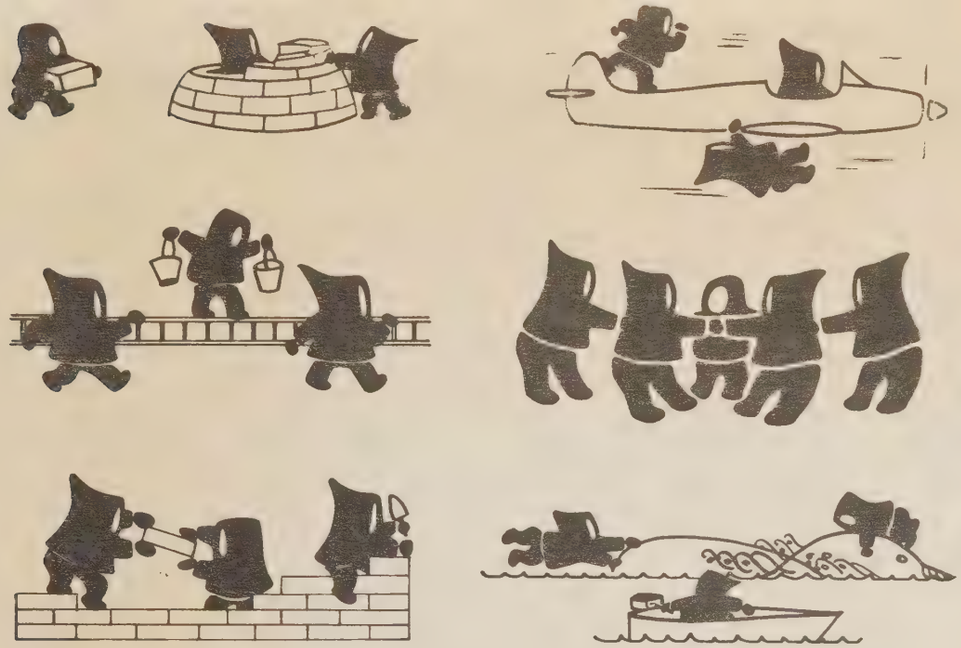

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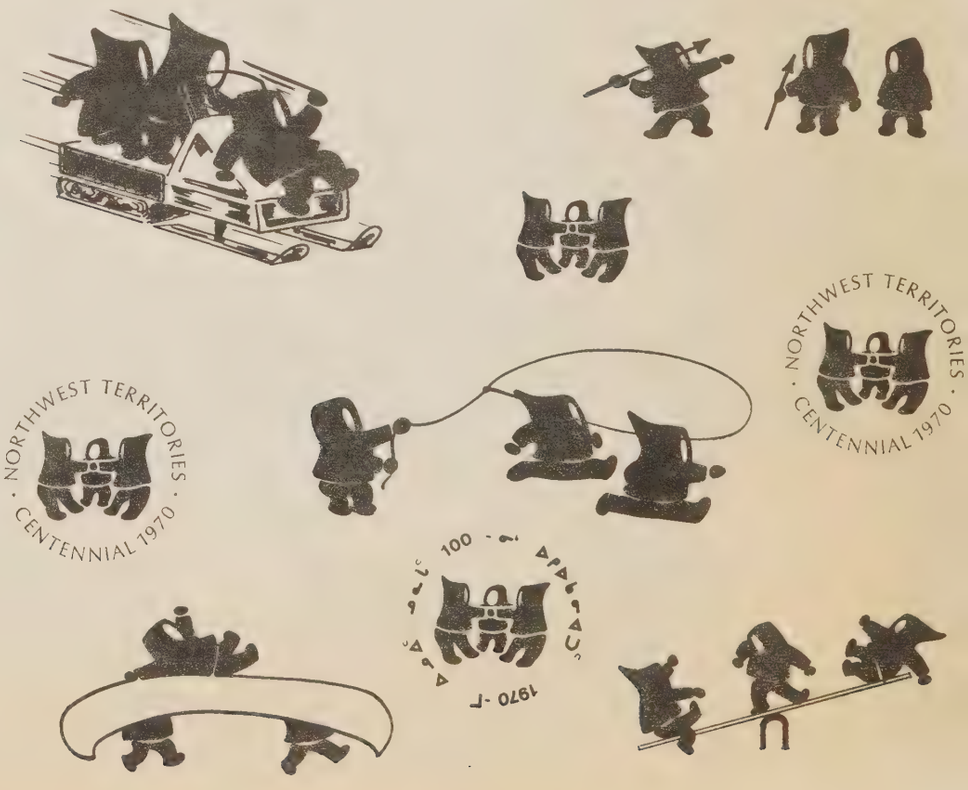
It"s a party — a gathering — a reunion — a happening. The symbol says all these things and many more, depending on your interpretation of it.
It's certainly all about people; about people of different cultural backgrounds and from different regions, joined together in Canada's Arctic to celebrate the 1970 Centennial of the Northwest Territories.
It's a time for sober reflection on the past: back through the days of the solitary barrenland trappers, the first prospectors and the daring bush pilots; back through the time of the first European explorers who dared, and sometimes died on the Arctic seas in their search for the Northwest Passage to the Orient; and back finally to North America's first settlers who crossed Bering Strait and spread from Alaska, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories to settle a continent.
It's a time to conjure visions of the future: air services, highways, railways, and perhaps new forms of transportation, bringing the last wilderness to the doorstep of the world; domed cities on the Arctic tundra giving space to crowded people; nuclear reactors providing heat to make the Arctic bloom through the long winters. There is no limit to our concept of the future.
It's above all a time to join the glories of the past with visions of the future — and have a celebration today. There will be dog-sled races and snowmobile rallies; canoe expeditions and air adventure tours; fishing derbies and music festivals. In the big booming towns and the quiet, remote settlements there will be events and special occasions. They will be for the people who live here, but equally for our visitors
We offer Arctic hospitality — with a special flavour during 1970, our Centennial Year
Pull on a parka and join the circle!



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INTRODUCING ...

NORTHERN CANADA POWER COMMISSION

(Sponsors of Centennial's Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race)

HISTORY OF THE NORTHERN CANADA POWER COMMISSION

In June 1948, the Northwest Territories Power Commission Act was passed by Parliament for the purpose of facilitating the construction and operation of electric power plants in the Northwest Territories for mining and other interests.

The Commission was empowered to obtain loans from the Government of Canada, through the Department of Finance, to finance the construction of power developments, at interest rates and amortization periods approved by the Governor-in-Council. The Act provides that such overhead charges and operating and maintenance expenses are to be met on a self-sustaining basis from revenue derived from the operations.

When the Act became effective September 1, 1948, and concurrent with the appointment of the first Chairman, the Commission assumed responsibility of the Snare River Power Project located some 90 miles northwest of Yellowknife, N.W.T., which was being constructed by the federal government (Department of Mines & Resources) and was then nearing completion.

This project was instigated in January 1946 when the Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines Limited approached the Department of Mines and Resources with a proposal to develop a hydro site on the Snare River some 70 miles northwest of Yellowknife to meet a power requirement of 6,000 hp for mining and milling purposes in the Yellowknife area. Because of the growing interest in this area the federal government decided to undertake construction of a larger project of some 8,350 hp at a more suitable site on the same river but some 20 miles further north and thus aid and encourage the development of mining in the Yellowknife area.

The Snare River plant and transmission line were commissioned on October 4, 1948 and began delivering power to the first customer, Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines Limited. Supply to the town of Yellowknife and Cominco Limited "Con" mine was connected in 1949 through a short tie line between the terminal of the Snare River transmission line and the Cominco Limited Bluefish-Yellowknife transmission line.

1949

In 1949 the Commission undertook establishment of a central diesel generating plant to supply the Fort Smith, N.W.T. area and replace three small independent plants operated by different government departments. A

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contract was awarded for construction of the powerhouse and a small portion of this distribution system was constructed during the year.

In co-operation with the Dominion Water and Power Bureau, the Commission agreed to consider development of hydro-electric power to supply the silver/lead mines being redeveloped in the Keno Hill district near Mayo Landing, Yukon. An engineering survey of possible power sites was undertaken in 1949.

Because of this latter project the Act was amended in March 1949 to extend its provision to include the Yukon Territory.

1950

Equipment for the Fort Smith diesel plant was ordered, the powerhouse building constructed and a small portion of the distribution system completed in 1949. The generating equipment was installed and the distribution system completed in 1950. The plant was commissioned in October by the Honourable George Prudham, M.P., Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Resources and Development.

1951 and 1952

Construction of the Mayo River Hydro-Electric Development began in March 1951. During the summer of the same year the Commission requested the Water Resources Branch to undertake investigations with a view of locating a hydro-electric power site in the Whitehorse District. The Mayo River development was completed in November 1952 and power was supplied to the mines in the Keno Hill area and to the townsite of Mayo. The latter was supplied by a privately owned company that had previously been supplying the community by diesel generation. This distribution system was acquired by the Commission in the fall of 1956.

1953

Delivery of power to the Consolidated Discovery Yellowknife Mines Limited over that company's 34.5 kv wood pole transmission line constructed from Cominco Limited's Bluefish Hydro Plant to the Discovery mine property some 42 miles to the northeast commenced in April 1953.

1954

During 1954 a powerline carrier telephone system operating over the transmission line between Snare River Power Plant and the Yellowknife Terminal Station was installed.

1955

An extension to the powerhouse at Fort Smith was constructed to accom-

modate a fourth generating unit. A 100,000 gallon storage tank was installed so that a lower cost fuel produced by the refinery at Norman Wells, N.W.T. could be used.

Studies and field investigation work were undertaken in the fall of 1955 to determine whether a thermal plant utilizing coal from the Carmacks coal field or a hydro development could best supply the increasing power needs of the Whitehorse area in the Yukon.

1956

The Act was further amended (August 1956) to change the name of the Commission to "Northern Canada Power Commission" and to empower the Commission to supply public utilities, defined as electrical and thermal energy, water, sewerage and telephone service. In addition, the Commission was empowered to operate in any province of Canada, subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council and the laws of the province concerned, and provision was made for internal financing of plant expansion or improvement.

Installation of a second 3,000 hp unit at Mayo River Hydro-Electric Plant was approved. The work was scheduled for 1957.

Construction of the 15,000 hp hydro generating station at Whitehorse Rapids on the Yukon River about 2 miles upstream from the City of Whitehorse was approved in July. On-site work commenced in November 1956.

1957

Responsibility for the retail distribution of power in Mayo Landing was transferred to the Commission from the Mayo Light and Power Company. The Commission immediately put into effect a substantial reduction in consumer power rates.

The No. 2 Generating Unit at Mayo River Hydro Plant was place in operation in December 1957.

The Commission was appointed to administer the Atlantic Provinces Power Development Act enacted by Parliament in 1957. This Act provided for financial assistance to the Atlantic provinces in connection with construction of thermal electric power plants and high voltage transmission lines and for the payment of a subsidy on eastern coal used for production of electricity in any of the Atlantic provinces. The latter feature was initially administered by the Dominion Coal Board and transferred to the Commission in 1965.

Investigations were undertaken into the power requirements at Frobisher Bay, N.W.T.

The initial design work for a central power and heating plant and utilidor system of the Inuvik utility project were well advanced during 1957.

1958

Extensions to the powerhouses at Fort Smith and Fort Simpson were constructed during 1958 to accommodate additional generating equipment.

Development of a second hydro-electric power site on the Snare River, designated Snare Falls, approximately 10 miles downstream from the existing plant (renamed Snare Rapids) was approved.

At the request of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources the Commission undertook the operation of the power plant and central heating and water supply systems at Fort McPherson, N.W.T. in September.

The Whitehorse Rapids Hydro Plant was commissioned in November and power was supplied directly to the Department of National Defence establishments and through the Yukon Electrical Company Limited to consumers in the city of Whitehorse.

The Inuvik, N.W.T. electric generating plant and distribution system was placed in service, December 1958, followed by commissioning of the central heating plant and a portion of the utilidor system in 1959.

1959

Construction of the Snare Falls Hydro project began in 1959 and an emergency standby diesel plant was built at Yellowknife during the summer.

Under a rental agreement with the Department of Transport, the Commission in February 1959 undertook operation of a 1,000 kw. diesel plant that had been installed at Frobisher Bay; this was a temporary arrangement pending establishment of a new central generating station upon completion of townsite development plans.

The Field, B.C. diesel generating plant and distribution system were constructed during the summer and fall and commissioned in December.

1960

Studies were carried out in regard to power supply at Fort Resolution and Norman Wells, N.W.T., and in connection with the Trans Canada Highway maintenance establishment in the Rogers Pass area of Glacier National Park. The latter study led to a field investigation of possible hydro sites in the vicinity of Glacier, B.C. in search of an economically

practicable development, with negative results.

The Fort Resolution diesel plant was constructed, and placed in operation in January 1961.

Initial construction of the Inuvik utilities system was completed and an additional diesel generating unit(900 kw)was installed in the power plant.

The Snare Falls Hydro-Electric Plant was placed in operation in December 1960.

1961

Additional generating units were installed to complete the Field and Fort Resolution diesel plants. At the request of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory the Northern Canada Power Commission sponsored a field investigation and office study of the supply and distribution of power and operation of water and sewerage systems in Dawson, Y.T.; cost of which was shared by the Commission and the Yukon Territorial Government.

1962

Following discussion with Pine Point Mines Limited, in the fall of 1961, the Commission undertook investigation of the possibility of developing a supply of hydro power for the Pine Point mining area near Great Slave Lake, N.W.T. A reconnaissance survey in February 1962 indicated a possible site at the Twin Gorges on the Taltson River, some 35 miles northeast of Fort Smith, N.W.T. that would meet the requirements of the Pine Point mining operation and the Fort Smith area; field investigation of this site and the surrounding area was carried out in the summer of 1962.

Additional diesel units and fuel storage tanks were installed in the Fort Simpson and Fort Smith plants. The Commission assumed responsibility for the establishment of a central heating and power generating station to supply the projected new townsite at Frobisher Bay, N.W.T. Also, at the request of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, the Commission assumed responsibility for operation of the diesel plant at Aklavik on an agency basis.

1963

Construction of a transmission line between Rae and Yellowknife, and the feasibility of transferring the control of the Snare system from Snare Rapids to Yellowknife were investigated.

A contract for construction of the new Frobisher Bay central heating

and power generating station was awarded; construction began in September.

The Taltson River Hydro Project was authorized in July and construction of the access road began in the fall, followed by award of the general contract in December; on-site construction commenced in March 1964.

A 1,000 kw heavy duty diesel unit was installed in the Inuvik generating plant and a major extension of the utilidor system was constructed to serve new federal government residential premises.

1964

A contract for construction of the 175 miles Twin Gorges to Pine Point (via Fort Smith) transmission line was awarded and work began in June.

The new Frobisher Bay central generating and heating plant, comprising a 1,000 kw heavy duty diesel, a 1,500 kw. gas turbine with exhaust gas boiler, and two oil fired boilers, was commissioned in March 1964 supplying central heating service to the new water treatment plant and hospital. Operation of the new water treatment plant and the heating and water supply system associated with the Federal Building (formerly U.S.A.F. S.A.C. premises) was undertaken by the Commission under contract with the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

A 900 kw high speed diesel unit was transferred from Frobisher Bay and installed in a temporary addition to the Fort Smith diesel plant to ensure adequate generating capacity pending supply of hydro power from the Taltson River development.

On April 1, responsibility for operation of the utilities plant, (power, central heat, and water and sewerage systems) supplying the Department of National Health and Welfare, Northern Health Services Hospital and environs on Moose Factory Island in the James Bay area of Northern Ontario, was transferred from that department to the Commission.

Following a decision to move the operational control centre of the Snare Rapids and Snare Falls plant to Yellowknife, a one storey building comprised of control room, office space and a vehicle garage was constructed in Yellowknife in the fall of 1964 and the required additional remote control equipment was placed on order.

1965

Control equipment and three residences were transferred from Snare Rapids to Yellowknife and the Snare Rapids and Snare Falls plants placed on remote control operation from Yellowknife.

A building to serve as the Control Centre and local administration

office, and a stepdown substation were constructed in Fort Smith.

The Taltson Hydro-Electric Development was commissioned on October 29 by the Honourable E. J. Benson, Minister of National Revenue, and the Fort Smith diesel plant was reduced to standby operation in November.

At Frobisher Bay two steam boilers and a 600 kw diesel unit were installed in the central generating and heating plant and a steam line was constructed to supply the Federal Building area.

1966

Operation of the diesel plant at Cambridge Bay, N.W.T. was transferred from the Department of Transport to the Commission on November 1.

At Dawson, Y.T. the Commission assumed responsibility on October 1 for the distribution of power and water. A new powerhouse was constructed to house 3 - 250 kw. diesel units, and a new electrical distribution system was constructed.

1967

On May 4, 1967, the operation of the diesel plant at Coppermine, N.W.T. was transferred from the Department of Transport to the Commission.

In order to impound run off, a rockfill storage dam was built on the upper Taltson River at the outlet of Nonacho Lake.

Construction began on the No. 3 hydro unit extension and a diesel standby plant at Whitehorse, Y.T.

A new powerhouse extension was completed at Moose Factory, Ontario and three diesel units were installed.

A 3,500 foot extension to the Inuvik utilidor system was constructed and a 1,000 kw diesel unit was commissioned in an extension to the exisiting powerhouse.

1968

Responsibility for the generation and distribution of electrical energy at Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet and Norman Wells, N.W.T. was transferred to the Commission.

At Inuvik, N.W.T. utilidor extensions to 50 new row houses and a 1,600 foot water and sewer line were placed in service.

A 9,000 kw. peaking standby diesel generating plant at Whitehorse, Y.T. was commissioned in December. At year end installation of the No. 3

hydro unit was well advanced and the 250 mile - 138 kv transmission line from Whitehorse to the Anvil Mining Corporation's mine-mill complex in the Vangorda Creek area was in the final stages of construction.

A 200 kw diesel generating unit was installed at Fort Resolution, N.W.T. to provide adequate reserve capacity.

Relocation of the standby diesel generating plant at Fort Smith, N.W.T. was necessary due to a landslide in the area.

In March 1969, No. 2 hydro unit at Mayo, Y.T. was destroyed in a freak accident but continuity of power was maintained by No. 1 hydro unit.

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for further information contact Phil Johnson, Operations Supervisor, Northwest Territories, Northern Canada Power Commission; Ph. 873-7332, P.O. Box 1860, Yellowknife, N.W.T. Head Office: 251 Bank Street, Ottawa, Canada, General Manager - John M. Lowe.

NOTE - *The Government of the Northwest Territories Centennial Center in deep appreciation to the Northern Canada Power Commission for sponsoring the Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race submits this information sheet as public service information about NCPC.*

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HISTORY AND MEANING OF THE CENTENNIAL SYMBOL

A commercial design firm was commissioned to design a suitable symbol for the Northwest Territories "Centennial 70". They produced about half a dozen designs for consideration by a committee consisting of Councillor Simone Michael, Councillor Chief Tetlichi and Councillor Donald Stewart.

This committee selected the final design which was then submitted to the Territorial Council in January 1969 and approved unanimously.

The Centennial Symbol is basically circular in design. In the center are depicted three figures in black with linked hands. The linked hands are intended to express the image of unity of all the people of the North as well as the spirit of celebration. The figures represent the three broad geographic areas, Franklin, Mackenzie and Keewatin which together form the Northwest Territories. The figures can also be thought of in reference to the broad ethnic origin, Eskimo, Indian and others of the Canadians who live and work in the Territories. It will be noted that the parka hood of one of the figures has been rounded off to represent the pattern worn by the people of the Mackenzie.

It is interesting to note that the concept of linked hands is also found in the sculpture entitled INTERPLAY which may be found in front of the new Samuel Hearne School in Inuvik.

The three figures are encircled by blue lettering on a white background with the words "NORTHWEST TERRITORIES - CENTENNIAL 1970".

The symbol is registered by the Government of N.W.T. and any reproduction of the symbol requires the consent of the Government of the Northwest Territories. Permission to reproduce may be obtained from the Government of Northwest Territories for an nominal fee. If it is desired to use it on printed matter only written authority is necessary.

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Royal Tour N.W.T. Centennial Itinerary

July 5 FROBISHER BAY

Official welcome. Tour of community. Sod turning cer-emony. The Queen will be asked to turn first sod at site of new Anglican Cath-edral. Lunch with the Prime Minister and prominent Eskimos from Frobisher and outlying settlements. Visit display of Eskimo Arts & Crafts including kayak making. Presentation of kayak to Queen Elizabeth. Church service at Saint Simon's Anglican Church, Apex. The Queen will walk through a gather-ing of Apex residents and view children's posters on the outside of the I.O.D.E. Hall.

July 6 RESOLUTE BAY

The Queen and the Princess Anne will inspect a primit-ive Eskimo sod house and walk among Eskimos engaged in traditional activities.
NOTE: The Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales meanwhile will fly to visit an oil exploration site.

July 6 INUVIK

Tour of Community with stop at Mackenze Square and walk amongst Cubs, Guides, Scouts, children and adults.

July 6 TUKTOYAKTUK

Official welcome. Visit Pingo. Visit traditional Eskimo house.. Visit community gathering. View Eskimo Drum dance and midnight sun.

July 7 INUVIK

Visit Community Hospital Visit Craft Shop. Attend community lunch. Visit ex-perimental oil pipeline. Presentation of Mackenzie Delta National and Interna-tional Ski champions. See display of northern games, such as blanket tossing.

July 7 YELLOWKNIFE

Tour of City. Visit to Con Gold Mine.

July 8 FORT SMITH

Official welcome Visit community barbecue and walk to observation point to view Slave River rapids Lunch with small official group at Hostel.

NOTE: The Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales will depart following lunch for Pine Point where they will visit the mining operations and a community gathering at the school area.

The Queen and the Princess Anne visit a museum display at Grandin College. Visit Fort Smith Old Timers' reunion celebrations. Visit Community Swimming Pool.

July 8 YELLOWKNIFE

The Queen starts the Queen's message relay for the opening of the Common-wealth Games.
Visit to Art Exhibition; views special Eskimo Art display. Presentation to the Queen of major award winning sculptures. Visits Canadian Artists' Exhibit-ion of Northern paintings. Dinner with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Nor-thern Development and Mad-ame Chrétien.

NOTE: From 9:15-10:35 while the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are att-ending the Minister's Din-ner, the Prince of Wales and the Princess Anne will attend a Barbecue at McNiv-en Beach.

July 9 Fort Providence

Official welcome, includ-ing presentation of Chiefs of NWT Indian bands. Brief-ing of days events at the Roman Catholic Mission. Visit of Roman Catholic Mission Museum display. Unveiling of National His-toric Site commemorating voyage of Sir Alexander Mackenzie.
The Duke of Edinburgh starts the Sir Alexander Mackenzie canoe race. View Centennial Flotilla and follow canoes briefly. Watch Indian Stick Game and visit public barbecue.

July 9 Yellowknife

Watch Sports Day events at Petitot Park.

(a) Children's races
(b) Indian Dances
(c) Rock Drilling Compe-tetion.

NOTE: Following the Sports Day events the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will depart Petitot Park, while the Prince of Wales "crowns" the national win-ner of the Indian Princess Pageant, in Petitot Park. Visit City Hall and sign book. Official Reception. Official Banquet. The Queen's radio broadcast to the people of the North-west Territories. Attend community concert includ-ing the Hay River Choir.

July 10 Yellowknife

Depart Northwest Territor-ies for Churchill, Manito-ba.

ALTERNATIVE PLANS FOR THE ROYAL TOUR (IF WEATHER IS BAD):

In the event of bad weather disrupting the program it is possible the aircraft will call at Yellowknife to refuel at 1:00 p.m. on Monday July 6, after diverting from Frobisher Bay to Ottawa.

This, or any other change of plans will be announced over the Mackenzie network of the CBC, and the official party will be notified by phone.

Requests for additional information about the airport reception arrangement should be directed to the Royal Tour office at Centennial Center 873-2731.

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MILITARY BAND WILL BE ON HAND TO MEET TOUR

The Band will be formed up and will play until after the Royal Party has left the airport. The National Anthem will be played when the Queen arrives.

Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Legionnaires will be at airport to greet the Party

First Ecumenical Service North Of Arctic Circle

Nearly 700 people attended the Inuvik Ecumenical Service held at the Sir Alexander Mackenzie School on June 21st. Eight members of the RCMP band took part in this first time ever ecumenical service held North of the Arctic Circle Archbishop Jackson of Regina was guest preacher at this Centennial happening. Others assisting in the ceremony included Rev. Fr. Adam O.M.I., Rev. Dittrich Bishop H. G. Cook, Milton Brown, Silas Kalinik and Rev. Holman. Guests included the Hon. Arthur Laing, Commissioner Hodgson, and Mrs.Henry Larsen. The service was later broadcast over CHAK Inuvik to the Delta listeners.

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FANTASTIC FASTWATER FEAT

Four Inuvik motorboaters left Inuvik July 1st. on an incredible journey by motorboat intending to cover over 1,200 miles from Inuvik to Hay River in 4 days, and complete the 2,400 mile round trip in 2 weeks.

The intrepid speedboaters are Ron Buchanan, Ed Waranke, Doug Lorenzen and Roland Goselyn. They plan to reach Hay River on July 5th., double back to Fort Providence in time for the Royal Tour sendoff of the Mackenzie Canoe race July 9th., and return home to Inuvik by July 14th.

Their race against time will be interrupted while they pause to build a rock cairn at the head of Slave Lake and at the mouth of the Mackenzie River.

Flying Centennial flags from their boat, and carrying a moosehide scroll especially made for their journey, provided by the Inuvik Centennial Committee, the 4 Delta men appear undaunted by the rigorous journey ahead of them. They have 12 commercial sponsors counting on them, and have notified Field & Stream magazine of their venture.

INUVIK TEAM FOR S.A.M. CANOE RACE

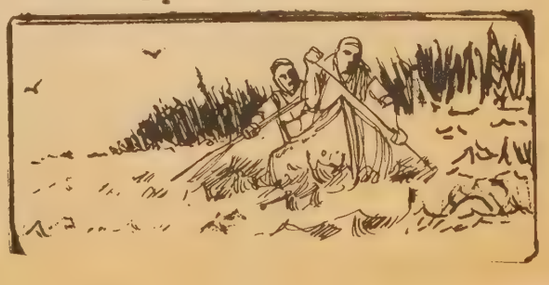
The canoe team to represent Inuvik in the 1,100 mile race down the Mackenzie was selected out of two entries. Chose were: Captain Frank Steffansson, and crew members including e brothers Hugh, Teddy and Hank Rogers, John Allen, Tommy Thrasher and Noel Stewart. All are born residents of the Mackenzie Delta and expected to be worthy competitors against all comers.

ENTRIES FOR FISH DERBY FROM FORT RESOLUTION

Latest entries in Centennial Fishing Derby include a 26 1/2 lb. jackfish (Northern Pike) by Daniel McQueen and a 23 lb. lake trout by Ernest Beauliew.

Band Tour a Hit

The historic RCMP Band, originally formed in 1876 successfully completed engagements at Hay River, June 17; Fort Smith, June 18; Yellowknife - evening concert, June 19 and RCMP Ball June 20; Inuvik June 21 -afternoon church service and evening concert and a late afternoon concert up at Cambridge Bay.



garden at the Yellowknife Public School

First Annual Northern Games Inuvik

July 17, 18 & 19

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY EVENING JULY 17
SAMS GYMN

Official Opening 7 p.m.
Introduction of "Good Women"
High Kick Competition
Blanket Toss
Northern Dance

SATURDAY MORNING JULY 18
MACKENZIE SQUARE

Northern Games Activities
Muskrat & Seal Skinning

SATURDAY AFTERNOON
MACKENZIE SQUARE

Northern Games Activities
Blanket Toss
Dance & Drumming Exhibition

SATURDAY EVENING
SAMS GYMN

Northern Games Competition
"Good Women" Skill Demonstration
High Kick
Blanket Toss
Northern Dance

SUNDAY MORNING JULY 19

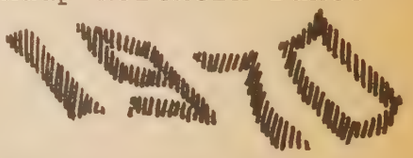
Free Time

SUNDAY AFTERNOON
MACKENZIE SQUARE

Northern Games Activities
Blanket Toss
Dancing & Drumming Exhibition

SUNDAY EVENING
SAMS GYM

"Good Women" Native Dress Contest
High Kick Finals
Presentation of Awards
Windup Northern Dance



Aims And Objectives of The Northern Games:

To bring northern people together in friendly compe-tition and social activity. All northern communities are invited to send representatives to participate in the games and dancing.

Centennial Report from Aklavik, N. W. T.

7 Centennial news items just received from Aklavik Centennial Chairman B. J. McWatt reports (1) The Aklavik Centennial Committee Library is now functioning smoothly and capably under worker-volunteer Mrs. V. Fuller. (2) Aklavik's entrants in the S.A.M. Canoe Race have (June 29) left for Providence via Inuvik. (3) Materials for outdoor hockey rinks are now ordered, and construction is scheduled to begin on arrival at Aklavik. (4) A successful bid for a clean town during Centennial year was encouraged by awarding incentive prizes for the cleanest Lot at the close of the Spring Cleanup Campaign. (5) Aklavik ladies are busy making handicrafts for local-display and for sale to the vast influx of Centennial visitors scheduled to arrive the next few weeks. (6) After a lapse of sereral years, July First was once again "Sports Day" at Aklavik, with a full slate of competitions, races and organized amusements. (7) Preparations for the stop-over of the S.A.M. Canoe Race Flotilla shaping-up. The Northern Games activit-ies are open to all traditional individual and team competitions. Some of the "games" will be only demonstrations.

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D N.D. SUPPORTS CENTENNIAL

The Canadian Forces Detach-ment in Yellowknife is maintaining close liaison with the N.W.T. Centennial Committee and is providing assistance in every way possible in support of Cen-tennial Projects to be held this year. Such help takes many forms, among them:

April 28-29th. Forty-four men of the Canadian Air-borne Regiment, located in Edmonton performed demon-stration parachute drops over Baker Lake, Rankin In-let and Eskimo Point.This exercise enabled the commu-nities to see at first hand the men, the skill and the equipment that make up the Regiment. Just as important, it enabled the servicemen to get to know some NORTHERNERS.

Helps Centennial Dig:

During the Thelon-Hanbury Rivers Archaeological Pro-ject held in the early part of June, the Armed Forces para-dropped about 2,000 pounds of goods con-taining such items as fuel food supplies and general camping gear.

Helps Centennial Choristers

On June 20th., an Armed Forces Yukon Transport flew the Hay River's Centennial Choir to Ottawa for a per-formance at the Ottawa Nat-ional Arts Centre.

To Assist The SAM PADDLERS

D.N.D. will supply radio co-mmunication equipment for the Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race, somewhat simil-ar to that provided during the Arctic Winter Games.

The detachment at Yellow-knife will be providing a support boat for this race.

And Air Support

During the Queen's visit and the start of the SAM Canoe Race, the Nat'l. Def-ence will provide an Otter Aircraft to transport Offic-ials and freight between Yellowknife, Fort Smith and Fort Providence.

NAVY TO THE NORTH

Three Canadian Naval ships will visit the Northwest Territories as part of Can-ada's Defence Forces con-tribution to the N.W.T. Centennial celebrations. The vessels will visit, a-mong other places, Frobish-er Bay, Rankin Inlet, Co-ral Harbour and Cape Dyer.

D.N.D. AND CENTENNIAL

For the past few weeks or so an even closer relation-ship has been maintained between Centennial Center and Canada's Armed Forces. Since Yellowknife was cho-sen as the site of the Nor-thern H.Q. for Canada's Armed Forces, - Centennial Center, which once echoed to the gentle shuffle of run's shoes when the buil-ding was St. Pat's Separ-ate School, has since been sharing part of its offic-es with Canada's tri-serv-ices until suitable accom-modation can be construct-

SOURIS – Digging up a pound of soil for a Centennial Garden in the North West Territories are Mr. Lloyd Bradley, Souris Centennial Committee chairman, Mrs. Grace Wismer, Committee secretary and Souris Elementary School student Steven Hicks. Centennial Committees across Manitoba have been encouraged to send a pound of soil to help build a Centennial garden at the Yellowknife Public School.

Yellowknife Public School Project Starts Rocks and Dirt Fly-in(g)

Over 2,300 pounds of dirt have arrived by air mail at the Yellowknife Public School as the result of a highly imaginative Cent-ennial Garden project lar-gely the inspiration of Mr W. Holden, a school employ-ee.

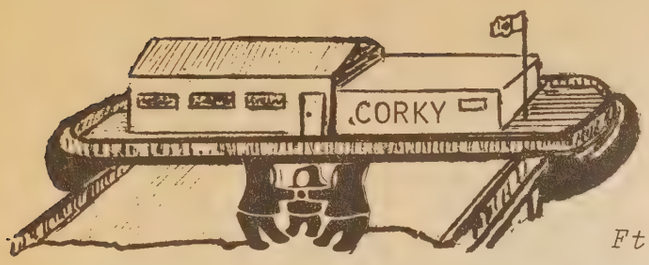
Mostly in one pound poly-thene plastic bags the soil has poured in from Mayors, radio stations, newspapers, schools, T.V., stations, private and pub-lic citizens. Territorial communities were asked to send rocks, and provincial towns soil, in the 2,000 letters which were offic-ially mailed following a ceremonical "Lick-in" held in the School auditorium attended by prominent of-ficials, on April 17th. Letters flooding in, bet-ween postal strike delays are being answered by pup-ils at the school. A book is being kept listing the sources and details of all contributions.

According to Janet-Marie Fizer, a Gr. 8 pupil who sent us a report on the project, "Yellowknife Pub-lic School has (thus) made the rest of Canada aware of our Centennial, coming second only to the Arctic Winter Games in **publicity** they gained in the South."

FIRST ARCTIC RODEO NOVEL PROPOSAL FOR FORT SMITH!

Fort Smith Town Council recently received a pro-posal from Fred Lorenzen and Ray Mabley, of Mann-ing, Alberta, to hold a rodeo at Ft. Smith.Dates suggested were in August and would involve 26 hor-ses and 20 cattle.

CORKY'S C-RUISE



CORKY WILL SEE THE QUEEN

MY NAME IS "CORKY": I am all excited because I hear I will see the Queen when she comes to Providence on July the 9th. You know me of course?

I am the only Northern Transportation Co. barge with a swimming pool on my deck. A closed-in Swimming pool! And I am the only barge that has dressing rooms, and wash rooms, an office and a large room for showing movies under its roof.

My main purpose is SURVIVAL in water. Some of my Red Cross Water Saftey instructors are from the NWT with their training experience they will be able to show you how to survive in the water and how to help friends and members of your family when they fall into the water. They will also show you how to have fun and get enjoyment from the wa-ter. One of my movies shows people falling thru ice and how other people help them to safety.

I am looking forward to meeting lots of people who live along the mighty Mackenzie River. All the people, young and old. I want them all to come and look me over. Some of you will have your first opportunity to swim in WARM water.

I am a Centennial Project and many organizations are helping me in all sorts of ways. Among them are: Northern Transportation Co. Ltd., Dept. of Nat'l Health and Welfare, Northwest Territorial Gov't., Canadian Red Cross Society (Al-berta - NWT Division) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The first week in July has been designated WATER SAFE-TY WEEK - so I feel very important and useful right now. Excuse me, please. I have to get ready to see the Queen!

70 Planes Registered For Arctic Fly-in

Over 800 pilots have written in to enquire how they can enter the Edmonton to Inuvik Fly-In sponsored by the Inuvik Aviation Council which will climax with 3 days of fishing, feasting and fun at Inuvik's "tall tale and tire kicking affair" on July 10, 11 and 12. Doug Bailey and his 8-member Aviation Coun-cil has closed the event at 70 aircraft, but expect some will come uninvited, so keen has the interest grown, capturing the imagination of hundreds of adventuresome aviators on both sides of the 49th parallel and Alaska.

The 70 selected to fly the Mackenzie route to the Arc-tic coast represent approximately even numbers of Canadian and U.S. pilots and a total pilot and pass-enger list of 200 to 250 people.

Pilots will rendezvous in Edmonton for briefing and hospitality the morning of July 7. Leave Edmonton Industrial Airport for Peace River the next day. Overnight at Hay River leaving early Thursday July 9 so as to overfly Providence avoiding any interference with the Royal Tour launch-ing of the Mackenzie Canoe race that day. The Fly-In will separate partly at Norman Wells with the faster planes continuing on, the slower craft overnight there. The flyers will all reach their destination at Inuvik on July 10th with three days of fun and organized activities until the event officially ends on Monday, July 13th.

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MAP AT LEFT:

An attractive map in seven eye-catching colours has just come off the Press and is available for distribution by Centennial Center, a Centennial "First" the Map of the N.W.T. isapproximately 2-1/2 ft. square,& will sell for 75¢ after an initial free distribution has been completed. It fea-tures all the Territorial Commissioners since 1870 & illustrates most of the maj-or species of Arctic wild life.
The map was produced by the Mapping Branch, Dep't of En-ergy, Mines & Resources, Ottawa, 1970 in conjunction with Staff of Centennial Center, Yellowknife. The Map overlay was largely the work of Centennial Center's Staff Artist, Mr. William Skuce, of Yellowknife.

VE8NWT TELLS THE WORLD

Over the past 8 months a tiny dimly lit room in the basement of the Centennial Center building in Yellowknife has been the "home" of VE8NWT, the control station or headquarters of Centennial's link with the more than 112 licenced amateur radio stations and operators in the NWT.

VE8NWT not only feeds information on Centennial to the Centennial committees in the scattered communities where these "Ham" operators are located, but also directly to the world at large.

International Flavour

A recent tally showed that Yellowknife Hams at VE8NWT has made over 4,400 contacts and chatted with amateur radio operators in 144 different countries around the world.

Last October VE8NWT began training classes for anyone interested in getting his own amateur's licence, and these classes have been held every Thursday with Vera VE8HH or Marsh VE8BB giving instruction in code and Eric VE8DR or Peter VE8BY lessons in theory. This September a DOT Inspector will arrive to give the students exams leading to their own licen-cing when they will get their own calls.

Highly Transient

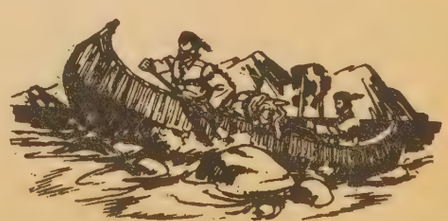
Due to the high turnover in Northern postings, only about half (or 67) of the Hams licenced in the NWT appear to be operating and in touch with VE8NWT, although location also plays a part and some areas are hard to contact.

Cards In Demand

Cal VanCatering designed a highly attractive QSL card with TravelArctic's polar bear and Centennial's symbol. The card is used not only by the Centennial shack but all hams in the NWT requesting a supply.

Small Beginning

Starting in October 1969 with borrowed equipment "Radio Centennial" VE8NWT grew, by grant of Centennial and grace of Heathkit components such as an SB101 transceiver, an SB-640 LMO, SB600 power supply and speaker and SB630 phone patch and SWR Meter.



Herbert Bullock Wins Outstanding Athlete Citation at S.A.M.S.

The Outstanding Athlete's Award instituted as part of the Sir Alexander Mackenzie School Athletic program for Centennial Year was presented to Herbert Bullock who has racked up an enviable record of athletic achievement during the first half of the N.W.T. Centennial Year His record includes:

Ist. in his Class in the Whitehorse Invitational Freeze-up Races.

2nd. in Whitehorse Polar Games.

Bronze Medal Winner in the Canadian Junior Nordic Championships, LaRiviere, Manitoba.

2nd. in the Alberta Junior Championships.

Gold Ulu Winner in the Junior Class 10 Km. Race at the First Arctic Winter Games, Yellowknife.

Gold Ulu Winner for leading his team to 1st Place Relay Finish, A.W.G.

Aggregate Award and Gold Medal for First Place at Top of the World Ski Championships, Inuvik.

Herbert is rated the best juvenile skier in Canada for 1969 - 70.

At a recent sports meet sponsored by the Sir Alexander Mackenzie Elementary School he earned 17 out of 20 points in track and field, came first in the Marathon, first in Shot, first in 60 yard dash, third in High Jump; was rated "Outstanding Soccer Player", "Most Sportsmanlike", and "Most Helpful".

Miss Paula Coady was awarded the trophy for "The Best Junior Girl Athlete", at this sports meet.

CENTENNIAL AWARDS at Inuvik

Inuvik had a winner in Group One of the NWT Centennial Art Contest. She is Miss Arlene Keith a 9 year Grade 3 student in Mr. Michael Yip's class at SAMS. Arlene won 2nd prize in this contest and was mailed a cheque for $15. She had won 3rd. prize in the Inuvik Region prior to her picture being entered in the Territorial-wide contest. This gave her an extra $5. Both prizes were received in time for her birthday June 19th.

20 students were winners in the Senior Awards program at Samuel Hearne Secondary School, Inuvik during the Centennial Year graduand exercise. These included: Anita Allen, Aklavik; Lloyd Binder, Inuvik; Alestine Andre, Arctic Red River; Jean Bernier, Aklavik; Robert Charlies, Ft. McPherson Michael Coady, Inuvik; Rudy Cockney, Inuvik; William Dyke, Inuvik; Elizabeth Firth, Ft. McPherson; Knut Hansen, Aklavik; Dianne Hardy, Ft. Norman; Debra Howey, Inuvik; Patricia Jones, Inuvik; John Mersereau, Inuvik; Julia Shiu, Inuvik; and James Wood, Inuvik.

Royal Canadian Legion Scholarships: Gr. 12 Lloyd Binder; Matric Gr. 12 Diploma Robert Charlie and Alestine Andre. Royal Canadian Legion bursaries to 3 students who received majority of their schooling in the NWT to assist in furthering their education: Robert Charlie, Knute Hansen and Dianne Hardy.

R.C.M.P. BAND CONCERT WOWS INUVIK CROWDS

Sunday evening June 21st saw well over 900 people perched on the edge of their chairs keeping time to the wide variety of selections presented by the 45 piece RCMP band at a special band concert when it played at Inuvik during its recent tour of the 5 NWT communities of Hay River (June 17); Fort Smith (June 18); Yellowknife (June 19 & 20); Inuvik (June 21); and Cambridge Bay (June 22). The Band members were presented with specially designed pins bearing the Inuvik 3-houses symbol. Following the public gathering and refreshments, the group witnessed the Ice Worm initiation ceremonies and were themselves entertained at the Canadian Armed Forces Base.

R.C.M.P. HEADQUARTERS HONOURS LARSEN

The famed 45 piece RCMP band making a flying musical tour of six Western Arctic communities, paused during its Yellowknife visit to assist in the opening of the R.C.M.P. Headquarters of the Yellowknife sub-divsion. The modern 2 - story building which will also house the Yellowknife detachment, was named the Henry Larsen Building in honour of the famed RCMP Superintendent, who, as captain of the little (200 ton, 194' long) wooden R.C.M.P. motor schooner St. Roch became, in 1944, the first man to complete the navigation by sea of the Northwest Passage, not only from West to East, but also from East to West, and, in the process completely circumnavigate the North American continent. A plaque commemorating this feat of Larsen and his crew during the 2 historic journeys was unveiled by his widow at the Yellowknife ceremony on Saturday June 20th.

International Odyssey in the High Latitudes

Two Eskimo hunters from Grise Fiord, on Ellesmere Island- the farthest North Eskimo settlement in the Canadian Arctic - returned the evening of Saturday, May 9, one month and 1500 miles after setting out on a history-making journey to visit Greenland as part of a village-sponsored Cen-tennial community project

Akpaleeapik Simonee and Ningyoo Philip, when they set off by motor sled to begin their journey on April 7th. were paying the first return visit to Eskimos from Greenland who have been visiting Grise Fiord by dogsled annually for three years now. Among the Greenland dog-sled visitors last year was the grandson of Admiral Peary who crossed the North Pole in 1909

Warm Welcome

Both Akpaleeapik and Ningyoo reported they had been received with great enthusiasm by the Greenlanders. Grise Fiord residents are so impressed with the success of the venture they are planning for more visits on a larger scope, in the future.

The Long Way Around

Their route took them along sea ice up the east coast of Ellesmere Island north of Alexandra Fiord an abandoned RCMP post 700 miles from the North pole. At Kane Basin the two hunters crossed the 60 miles of sea ice from Canadian to Danish Territory. After 13 days and 700 miles of arduous travel over ridged ice they reached the first of two settlements to be visited by them - Siorapaluk, and had become international Arctic travellers. Continuing on, they reached their second Greenland settlement at Quanaq 60 miles north of Thule Airbase, on April 25. After 3 days of joyous welcome and reunion the two made a successful, and safe return arriving home at Grise Fiord May 9.

ESKIMO SCULPTURE CONTEST WINNERS

Top prize winner in the Arctic carving event was Eegeechiak from Cape Dorset with a purchase award of $2,000. Runner-up with a prize of $1,000. was Latcholaissie, also from Dorset. Third and Fourth place winners, each winning $500. were Karoo Ashevak from Spence Bay and Panelak from Pond Inlet Besides the 4 cash prizes gold medals were awarded the first and second prize winners and silver medals to the third and fourth place winners. Eight sculptors, from Arctic Bay Broughton Island, Eskimo Point, Pangnirtung, Pelly Bay, Rankin Inlet and Spence Bay received Honourable Mention.

Judges from Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto and New York examined 286 submissions from 22 different communities.

The winning sculptures join the National Museum of Man's collection, in Ottawa.

Special Cover to Mark Mackenzie Stamp Issue

Rev. Dittrich has completed a Centennial Envelope "Coer" to mark the issue of the commemorative Sir Alexander Mackenzie Stamp on June 25th. The envelopes, which are now on sale by the Inuvik Centennial Committee, Box 1184, Inuvik,NWT are attractively designed with a map of the great Mackenzie River route and an informative enclosure on Inuvik.

Shown below is photo of coloured lithograph sleeve of NWT Centennial RifleBox

All colour copies can be obtained from Centennial Center, Yellowknife fo 50¢ Ea.

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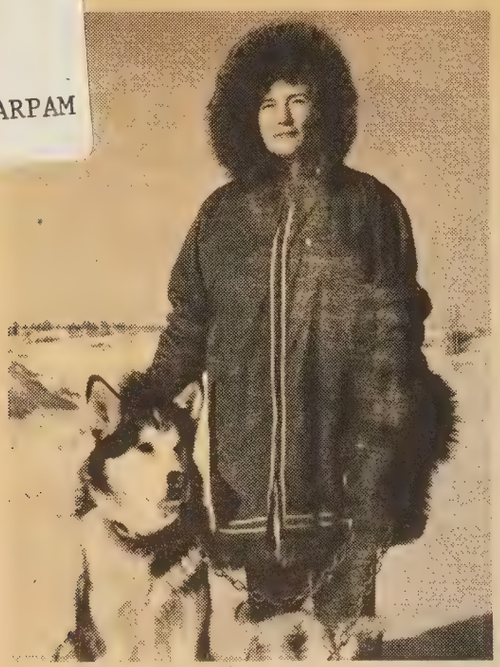
World's First Congress on Regional Ophthalmology a Major Centennial Event



Thirty opthalmologists (eye doctors) from eleven countries, and a number of just plain "M.D.s" gathered in Yellowknife the week of June 1 - 5 to take part in a conference that was largely the result of a long un-fulfilled dream of Canada's only veteran Arctic opthalmologist, Dr. Elizabeth E. Cass, whose "Centennial Project" - with the help of a group of loyal volunteers, resulted in one of the most successful N.W.T. Centennial events to date.

They came from the Argentine, from Australia, Hawaii, the United States Great Britain, Germany, Finland, India , Denmark and Israel. Thirty-two papers were presented, each one dealing with diseases of the eye caused by special factors in the patient's environment,such as isolation, genetics, religion, tabus, way of life, work, dietetic habits, climatic conditions and racial predisposition

International Society Formed

During the Congress an International Group of Geographical Opthalmology was founded, of which Dr. Elizabeth Cass was named president. The formation of two research centres, one at Yellowknife, and one at Bangkok (Thailand) was decided upon; these will be the first two in the World.

Second Project

A second project was also discussed which is already in the planning stage- the construction of an Eye Centre at Yellowknife, which would be included in present plans for the expansion of the Yellowknife Stanton Hospital, and on which an actual start would begin during Centennial Year. The Eye Centre - which would be financed by philanthropists interested in the North, would have a Research Centre attached.

Practical Purpose

One practical need for an eye centre in the Territor-ies is to reduce the excessively high cost of flying eye patients out of the Territories, as well as to stop the harmful dis-ruption that is caused by family separation for such treatment so far away. The Centre would serve those in the Western Arctic and the Keewatin who are in need of such care.

The Centre would be staffed by resident opthalmologists and trained opthalmologic technicians and nurses who would live in Yellowknife. It would be built by private funds.

One hundred persons attended the opening night dinner for the Congress as the guests of Commissioner and Mrs. Stuart Hodgson.

Photo at left shows Dr.E.E Cass, newly elected president of the International Group of Geographical Opthalmology held at Y/knife

C. B. C. Centennial News:

A major contribution to The N.W.T. Centennial celebrations will occur July 15th., "Centennial Day" of the Northwest Territories 100th. Birthday; a day which is expected to be declared an official holiday throughout the N.W.T. To assist in the festivities, CBC is bringing in well-known orchestra leader Ted Komar and 5-pc. ensemble plus 3 feature entertainers for a Variety Show and dance in the Territorial Capital City.

Throughout the day, short messages will be broadcast over CHYK from well-known Northerners.

A special program also planned for July 15th. is the broadcasting at intervals of messages of congratulations and good wishes to the people of the N.W.T. from the premiers of all the provinces of Canada with the possible exception of Premier Bennet who is reported to have declined the offer to take part. Both the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory and the Commissioner of the N.W.T. will also be heard adding their voices to those of the provin-cial premiers, over CBC.

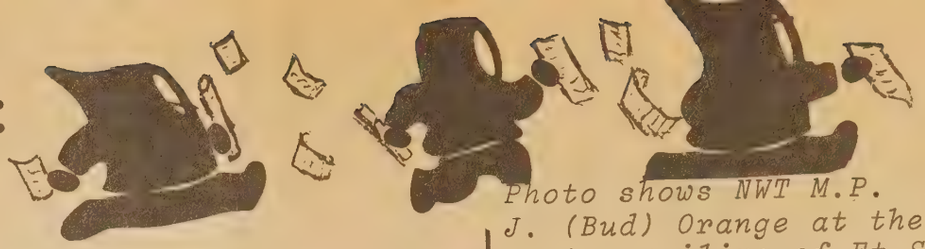
Community Greetings: Some 64 tapes have been mailed to as many communities in the NWT asking them to record short Centennial Day messages for airing during this special occasion.

CENTENNIAL SOUVENIR LICENSE PLATES

Centennial Center has 1970 CENTENNIAL SOUVENIR LICENSE PLATES

In the shape of a Polar Bear, numbered 000 A collectors' item. Five dollars each. Certified cheques or money orders payable to the Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories.

Centennial Center Last Minute News:



As this Newsletter hurried-ly goes to the Print Shop Centennial Center's Staff once more is scattering far and wide.

Centennial Center has found itself and its' crew in steadily greater demand for its' services, yet its regular employees number less than when Centennial was just getting underway a year ago, with the Royal Tour preparations, the Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race, Winchester Commemora-tive Centennial Rifle Pat-ron's Plan, and sale, han-dling and distribution of Centennial flags, Medall-ions, Stickers, Maps, Dog-sled Mail Run Covers, Sou-venir Licence Plates, and other "goodies" keeping us all busy.

Yet the switchboard and telephones have to be ans-wered; convention and vi-siting groups still have to be met and welcomed, and the visitors to the Center must receive courteous an-swers to their enquiries.

Hundreds of letters seek-ing information -many from the United States need more than just a "form let-ter" reply.

There is a TELEX to oper-ate; telegrams to pick up; requests for Information-kits such as one for every Canadian Embassy overseas-to be prepared and mailed out. There are radio tap-es to be made for weekly broadcasts; every major Centennial event should have some photos taken for record. There are prog-rams to print, invitations to prepare and mail out and always the problem of accommodations to be sec-ured not only in Yellow-knife, but wherever major events are scheduled, timetables have to be drawn up.

And almost every visitor is a Centennial "expert" - full of more imaginative Centennial projects - if only Centennial were will-ing to foot the bills.

Photo shows NWT M.P. Mr.R J. (Bud) Orange at the re-cent unveiling of Ft.Smith Monument commemorating the 200 year history of trans-port on the Mackenzie Riv-er System extending 1,680 miles from Waterways, Al-berta to Tuktoyaktuk. The Slave River Rapids, at Ft. Smith is the only portage on the entire system.

UNVEILING OF SLAVE RAPIDS HISTORIC MARKER NEAR FT. SMITH WEEKEND OF JUNE 13

"Open House"

Even the Center building is busy: in one part of the basement is housed our Ham "Centennial Center", VE8NWT Short Wave Station; another section houses the Royal Tour liaison crew of four; the third part of the basement holds the wind-up crew and office equipment of Arctic Winter Games; a fourth part holds the temporary H.Q. of the Dep't. of National Defense

Hectic Days

As this is written, four of the small Centennial team are preparing to leave for Providence, another for Inuvik, while our Adm-inistration and Logistics "anchorman" has been hand-ling Centennial matters at Ottawa and Frobisher Bay.

But Do Drop In!

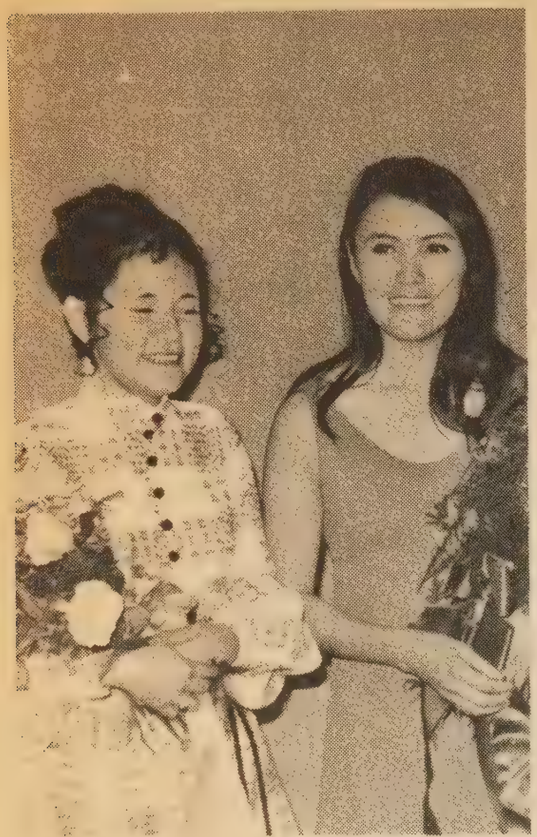
In any event, when visit-ing Yellowknife, be sure to drop in to Centennial Center - you're bound to find ONE of us here!

A second Historic Site sim-ilarly marked and unveil-ed during the June 13 week-end, with appropriate cer-emonies, was the Fort Simpson Monument marking the oldest continuously occupied site on the Mack-enzie River. Fort Simpson was erected in 1804 at the confluence of the Liard and the Mackenzie. The fort was renamed in honour of George Simpson, then Governor of the Hudson Bay Company's Northern Depart-ment.

At both unveiling ceremon-ies Commissioner Hodgson and Bud Orange spoke of the sense of change in the ways of life and the impor-tance of history in shap-ing men's future society. "It is appropriate in the North that an event, a per-son and a place from the history of the Territories be honoured as historical-ly significant to the dev-elopment of Canada," Mr. Hodgson said.

CINDY KENNY FROM RAE WINS NWT INDIAN PRINCESS TITLE

N. W. T. Indian Brotherhood To Take Important Part In N. W. T. Centennial



Lloy Mercredi, Yellowknife shares floral bouquets and congratulates Cindy Kenny (right) winner of the NWT-Indian Princess Pageant of the Indian Brotherhood. Lloy, (left) Yellowknife Regional winner, was runner-up. Photo: News of The North *(PHOTO ABOVF)*

To help mark the 100th Birthday of the Northwest Territories, the Indian Brotherhood of N.W.T. has brought its organization into the full spirit of ac-tive native participation endorsing the Centennial theme of Unity throughout the land.

PRESENTATION TO THE QUEEN

On Thursday, July 9th., at Fort Providence, Indian Chief John Tetlechi will present Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd. with a buckskin dress designed and produced by Team Products of Edmonton- an enter-prise owned and operated by and for the Native people. A white deerskin dress will depict the design of the Indians from the South, and will include the motif of the Alber-ta Rose and the Mountain Avens representing the Northern Indian people. These two designs will be in beadwork on the dress.

PROTECTION AND JUSTICE

Chief John Tetlechi, in making the presentation will first receive the gift from Jack Bellrose and Tony Belcourt of Team Products. He will offer the garments on behalf of the Indian people of Alber-ta and the N.W.T. The Chief will be escorted by two War Veterans - one Indian and one Whiteman, sym-bolic of our having joined forces, unhesitatingly, to protect the Queen and the Land, our Freedom and Justice for all who live under the flag and enjoy democracy. Chief Tetlechi will be supported by a formation of Chiefs of the N.W.T., as well as the chiefs and other dignitaries from the South.

Eagle Dance And Hoop Dance

Immediately following the presentation the great Eagle dancer, George Saddleback will perform the Eagle Dance, accompanied by singer-drummer Joe Saddleback.

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(PHOTO AT LEFT)

LEFT TO RIGHT: Lloy Mercredi(Yellowknife); Cindy Kenny (Rae); AlestineAndre (Inuvik); Minnie Cli (Fort Simpson)Irene Simon, (Fort Resolution);Mary McDonald, (Fort Smith).Rae girl won. Smiling Regional Princess Winners In NWT Indian Bro-therhood Sponsored Con-test. Cindy Kenny,of Rae, second from left, went on to win the Territorial Princess award. The National Indian Princess Finals will be held in Yellowknife, and the winner will be crowned by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, July 9th. in Petitot Park.

Photo: News of The North

C. B. C. and Centennial

The Northern Service of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will continue to play a vital role in the observance and celebration of the Northwest Territories 100th. Anniversary throughout the second half of Centennial Year.

Queen s Broadcast

Her Majesty the Queen will address the people of the North from the banquet room of the Yellowknife Elk's Hall at 8:50 p.m. July 9th. This speech will be carried live over the CBC extended network and also carried over part of its Southern network. Indian and Eskimo dialect translations will follow the Royal speech almost immediately.

Royal Tour

Complete coverage of the Royal Tour is included in CBC's plans from the time of arrival of the Royal Party at Frobisher Bay on Saturday, July 4th., to the Queen's final departure from Winnipeg on July 15th.

Northern Games, Inuvik

CBC's Northern Service Radio Station CHAK will be on hand for special on-the-spot coverage of Inuvik's Northern Games which will be held July 17th - 19th.

S.A.M. Canoe Race

CBC will provide radio coverage of the Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race from start to finish of the 1,100 mile event. The brunt of this marathon reporting task will be borne by Steve Hook, CFYK Yellowknife and Ken Look, **CHAK** Inuvik, as they attempt to follow the 60 competitors paddling the 10 voyageur type 25 foot canoes down the mighty Mackenzie from Fort Providence July 9 to Inuvik, where they are expected to finish July 27th Excitement is certain to be at fever pitch with not only $10,000. at stake in cash prizes for the canoeists, but numerous other awards for sprints and races en route, PLUS team trophies, miniatures, medallions and certificates and national acclaim.

Franklin Overland Re-enactment

A valuable piece of little known Canadian history will come alive when CBC's Northern Service recounts an imaginative re-enactment of Sir John Franklin's Overland Expedition from July 18th. to August 8th one hundred and fifty years later.

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES LOOKS AT THE RECORD

Early in February Arctic Winter Games moved from its cramped quarters on Franklin Road in Yellowknife to the more spacious but rickety ground floor of Centennial Center, which for awhile, just before and during the hectic Games of March 9 to 14th it seemed virtually in danger of taking over Centennial's role, itself, as the horde of volunteer workers, new daily, frequently found themselves lost on the wrong floor of the old St. Pat's building

Since the middle of March the situation has reversed itself. Shrunk to 2 or 3 persons, the Games Staff has been engaged in a "mopping up" operation, returning equipment, paying bills, evaluating the entire colossal undertaking which, incidentally, was responsible for introducing thousands of persons not only in Canada but also in the United States, to the Northwest Territories Centennial Year

What do the conclusions appear, after three months retrospection?

There is a new interest in sports in the NWT that did not previously exist.

The Games turned out to be a financial success despite all the gloomy prophesies of "experts."

At a recent meeting of the Arctic Winter Games Corporation it was decided to stage the next Games in the Yukon in 1972; the exact location to be determined later - in September of this year.

Northern Hospitality is not a myth, ... but ... we still have a lot to learn, and "the Games" is a mighty good "Teacher."

Centennial Report from Clyde River

Ham (amateur licenced) radio station operator Keith Norton, of Station VE8YT, on the bleak and lonely East coast of Baffin Island reports the following Centennial Year preparations underway at Clyde:

Sports Day, in July, - a main event being football played "Eskimo Style" with a stuffed sealskin football. Eskimos there busy building kayaks for special kayak races in August.

In September, a special Traditional Style Seal Hunting Competition, using the same kayaks (each having made his own for the August event) in which the kill is made with a harpoon, rather than a rifle. The overall Centennial project at Clyde is the completion of the Community Hall started at the beginning of Centennial Year, in which will be installed a 16 mm Movie Projector purchased with the assistance of a Centennial Grant.

CHOIR CAPTIVATES CANADA'S CAPITAL

The closing feature of the Northwest Territories Centennial night in the Opera House of the Natioanl Arts Centre on June 22nd. was the Hay River Centennial Choir. For 40 minutes the invited audience of 2,000 listened and then responded spontaneously as the 96 voice choir climaxed their musical presentation by waving miniature Centennial flags during the last line of "North of 60"

The invitation to sing at the NWT Centennial night in the Opera House grew out of an earlier engage-ment when the Hay River Centennial Choir appeared before Mr. Cadieux, Minister of Natioanl Defense, and senior members of his department during a visit to Yellowknife, earlier in the year.

Backstage, at the Opera House, Prime Minister Trudeau paid the choir a surprise visit when he chatted with them and signed autographs for at least 30 minutes.

The next day the Choir was privileged to perform for 30 minutes in the Rotunda of the Parliament Building After an encore, they toured the edifice and sat in the Members' Gallery.

A concert was given at the Sir John Franklin High School in Yellowknife on their way home from Ottawa.

Back at Hay River, the Centennial Choir is readying itself for another Yellowknife visit. This time to sing before the Royal Family when the Queen visits "North of 60" and meets "Northerners" for the very first time in their own land.

CP Photo above shows Northern Affairs Minister Jean Chretien (center) admiring Winchester Centennial rifle being presented to Prime Minister Trudeau by N.W.T. Commissioner Stuart Hodgson. The rifle is one of a limited special de luxe model which will be awarded to patrons of the Territorial Centennial. It is planned to have His Royal Higness Prince Philip fire a similar model on July 9th. at Fort Providence to herald the start of the Sir Alexander Mackenzie CanoeRace - an event which is described as being the World's longest such race- 1,100 miles long, ending at Inuvik, in the Mackenzie Delta, by the Beaufort Sea.

The standard Northwest Territories Commemorative rifle, of which the Patron's model is a luxury version, is described by its manufacturers as being "A superbly crafted gun, having a satin finish walnut stock and forearm. The receiver, upper and lower tang, forend cap, hammer and trigger are beautifully finished in gold plate. A special N.W.T. Centennial medallion, symbolic of Arctic unity is embedded in the stock. The butt plate is of polished brass. Historic inscriptions enhance the barrel, receiver and upper tang."

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Centennial Commemorative Stamp

An historic leap forward in the development of Canada, the formation of the Northwest Territories, will be commemorated on a Canada Post Office stamp in 1970, Postmaster General Eric Kierans has announced. The Northwest Territories celebrates its official Centennial year in 1970.

An Imperial Order in Council which took effect on July 15, 1870 created the Northwest Territories from Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory.

"In 1970," the Post Office Department's news release said, "inhabitants of this vast region, more than one third of Canada's total area, will place emphasis on unity, not only with respect to all Canada but between the Eskimos, Indians and other Canadians who work together in developing the Territories' component areas of Franklin, Mackenzie and Keewatin."

The Postmaster General's October 26 announcement also said that Louis Riel, one of the most prominent figures in the events in Western Canada one hundred years ago, will be commemorated on another Canada Post Office stamp in 1970. It was in 1870 also that the Manitoba Act brought the Red River area into confederation as Canada's fifth province.

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